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King Khaled  
**Khaled  
in Taif  
today**

RIYADH, June 22 (SPA) — King Khaled leaves for Taif Saturday at the start of the summer season, it was announced here Friday.

The King will be followed shortly by the cabinet which will be based in the summer resort for the season.

Next week, the King is due to tour the southern region to inspect various development projects being carried out there.

## National service proposal submitted today

RIYADH, June 23 (SPA) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan was quoted Friday as saying that the national service law has been completed and will be submitted to King Khaled Saturday for study and approval.

In an interview with "Al-Bilad" and "Al-Jazirah" newspapers, Prince Sultan said that the draft will be introduced during the holy month of Ramadan.

He called on Saudi youths to take up military service.

Prince Sultan was in Abha to supervise arrangements for King Khaled's visit to the southern region.

## U.S. drafting plans for 110,000-man 'quick reaction' force

WASHINGTON, June 22 (Agencies) — The U.S. army staff is drafting plans for a new type of "quick reaction" military force of up to 110,000 troops who could be sent to the Middle East or any other critical trouble spot worldwide.

Gen. Bernard Rogers, outgoing army chief of staff, told reporters Thursday the planned "unilateral corps" would be drawn from army forces other than those earmarked for early deployment to Western Europe in event of a war emergency there.

The army said the official title comes from the concept that such a "rapid reaction force will provide the basis for a unilateral U.S. response to worldwide non-NATO contingencies."

Rogers, who leaves Friday to become supreme allied commander in Europe, did not limit the mission of such a corps to the Gulf area, but it is known that this is a center of studies being conducted by President Carter's administration because of political uncertainties and threats to U.S. oil supplies from that area.

He said he is unable to estimate when plans for the new force will be completed.

Rogers stressed that the basic idea is to earmark forces for what he called a "self-sustaining corps" that would not have to depend on resources from a host nation.

Other military sources said the objective would be to fashion a corps that could sustain itself for about 60 days without major resupply and reinforcement.

Rogers indicated that the current army structure does not include enough support units to sustain such a corps and at the same time back up combat elements in NATO and designated for NATO.

Therefore, it was indicated, the army might request authority to reshuffle its organization to provide more support units. This suggests that the army no longer will rely as heavily as its plans once contemplated on the military reserves for support units in a crisis. The military considers the reserves to be seriously understrength.

Rogers said weapons and equipment for the quick reaction corps "will be fenced" from other military stocks so that they will be readily available if needed on short notice.

Earlier in the day U.S. officials said the Carter administration is considering an increased military capability to help protect the area's oil fields, as part of a high-level review of its overall policy in the Gulf region.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, National security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and Secretary of Defense Harold Brown attended the initial meeting of the formal review Thursday at the White House.

Another meeting was scheduled Friday.

One source said no policy decisions were made at the Thursday session, chaired by Vance, and added that the final outcome of the review might not go beyond ordering more studies on situation.

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Crown Prince Fahd  
**Fahd  
reaffirms  
backing for  
Palestine  
cause**

NEW YORK, June 22 (SPA)

— Crown Prince Fahd Thursday told the New York Times that the Arab world supported the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and would mobilize all its resources for their sake.

Asked about Saudi Arabia's oil policy, Prince Fahd said the Kingdom follows a pricing policy that aims at "reducing the burden on the consumer but that the Kingdom was only one of 22 oil producers."

He said the government will do all it can to reach an agreement on a unified price while leaving some "reasonable and moderate room" for any rise during the forthcoming OPEC meeting in Geneva.

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## 32 Syrian army cadets killed

DAMASCUS, June 22 (Agencies) — Religious extremists led by a Syrian artillery officer have killed 32 army cadets and wounded 54 in a "massacre" in northern Syria, Interior Minister Adnan Dabbagh said Friday.

Brigadier Dabbagh said in a statement that the cadets were cut down in a hall of machine-guns and hand grenade explosions at the artillery school in the town of Aleppo last Saturday night.

He said a Syrian captain, Ibrahim Youssef, had called an urgent meeting in the school club after being bribed by members of the "Muslim Brotherhood."

The sources said 11 people were believed to have taken part in the massacre and that the Capt. Youssef was still at large.

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"When the cadets assembled in the club, he ordered his criminal aides to open fire on the unarmed cadets, using machine-guns and hand grenades the minister said.

Dabbagh said the attackers were acting as "agents of America and Zionism."

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In Beirut, informed sources said that three Syrian military intelligence officers were shot dead in

tions had been given to security forces throughout Syria to track down the assassins.

The minister said some of the killers had been arrested, but he did not specify how many.

Well-informed sources said those detained included a Turk identified as Hussein Habo.

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In Beirut, informed sources said that three Syrian military intelligence officers were shot dead in

broad daylight in the northern Syrian city of Hama earlier this month.

The sources said an unknown group armed with machine guns attacked a police post in Aleppo in March, and at least eight members of the armed forces, the police or the intelligence services were killed in earlier incidents.

Most of the victims were believed to have been members of Syria's minority Alawite sect.

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Afforded level for 6 years

## EEC agrees to freeze oil imports

STRASBOURG, June 22 (R) — Common Market leaders Friday ordered oil imports held level for six years, setting a limit from now until 1985 of 470 million tonnes a year.

But they made their program depend on similar action by the United States, Japan and other major industrialized countries.

The Common Market oil savings and the extent to which other oil consuming countries can match them will be the main topic of the Tokyo Summit next week of six leading Western industrial nations and Japan.

A communiqué issued after a two-day Common Market summit said the nine Community nations intended to play "an exemplary role" in the developed world energy strategy.

They said: "It will not be possible to make an effort of this

### Await Sadat-Begin meeting

## Autonomy talks said bogged down

TEL AVIV, June 22 (Agencies) — Fundamental differences have stalled Israeli-Egyptian negotiations on Palestinian autonomy and no real progress is expected until the countries' two leaders meet next month, an Israeli official said Friday.

Representatives of both countries, together with an American team, in a series of talks in Egypt and Israel on granting autonomy to more than one million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip have failed to agree even on procedural matters.

Another session will be held in Israel Monday. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin are expected to meet in Alexandria in the first week of July.

"Progress has been painfully slow. Some questions were settled at the beginning of the talks but they are not moving ahead meaningfully for the moment," the Israeli official told reporters.

"Real progress will apparently

have to wait until our leaders meet."

The official declined to discuss the differing views between the two countries but said they were very basic.

Israeli newspapers have

reported that they included an

Egyptian demand to place the

future status of East Jerusalem on

the agenda.

The controversial question of Israeli settlements in the occupied areas has been another major sticking point.

Israeli leaders have repeatedly

stated that the incorporation of Jerusalem's eastern Arab sector into the western half after the 1967 war was not negotiable and that the Jews have the "right" to settle in the occupied areas.

Meanwhile, the mayor of Nablus, the largest Palestinian town on the West Bank, complained Friday that its citizens were being "punished" by Israeli occupation forces for demonstrating against a nearby Jewish settlement.

"I am not allowed to leave the country. I have an invitation to visit the United States but the Israelis won't let me leave."

During Sunday's demonstration foreign and Israeli reporters were ordered to leave Nablus under an order signed by the military governor. One American television crew had its equipment confiscated.

"After the demonstration the Israelis stopped issuing permits to Nablus citizens for travel to Jordan," Shasha said.

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"We are seeking a collective way to bring new technologies out

of the understanding he would not be identified. No final decision had been made on such a proposal.

The Tokyo meeting will be held against the background of an

increasingly urgent need for broader international management of the world economy" to keep it from sliding into chaos, said

The Tokyo summit will be in session just 48 hours after OPEC ministers in Geneva to decide whether to increase prices again.

American Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal said Wednesday that "if OPEC keeps pushing up prices," which have already risen 35 per cent since last year, it could push the world into a recession.

In Tokyo, Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira called Friday for efforts by industrial countries to conserve oil, as "conservation is the most important policy when worldwide supplies are short... through conservation, realistic prices will be fixed."

A free market could only work when supply and demand were balanced. He hoped oil producing and consuming nations would hold frequent dialogues to establish an atmosphere of mutual trust.

## Kuwait, Iran prepare for OPEC conference

TEHRAN, June 22 (K) — Kuwait Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah has made a flying visit to Tehran to coordinate policies with Iran prior to the forthcoming Geneva meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), Pars news agency reported Friday.

Pars said Sheikh Ali had a one-hour meeting with Nazif about the June 26 OPEC session had been fruitful and stressed that Iran and Kuwait had always coordinated their stand on oil problems in the past.

Nazif, who leaves for Geneva Saturday to head the Iranian delegation to the OPEC conference, described his meeting with

Sheikh Ali as satisfactory.

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## House opposes \$ 50 million grant for Turkish military

WASHINGTON, June 22 (Agencies) — Ignoring pleas from President Carter's administration, the House of Representatives voted 303 to 107 Thursday against approving \$50 million in military grant aid to Turkey.

The vote took the form of instructions to members of a congressional conference committee which will write the final draft of the annual military foreign aid bill.

House members made clear in debate that the underlying reason for their action is the continued Turkish military occupation of parts of Cyprus.

Some said they could approve additional economic aid to Turkey and others said they favored extending aid to help Turkey rebuild its military but only in the form of a loan.

The Cyprus issue overshadowed the desire of the White

House to help Turkey revitalize its aging and obsolete military equipment and strengthening its ability to defend the southern flank of the North Atlantic alliance.

Despite its defeat at the hands of the House, Turkey will receive a massive infusion of Western cash after signing a letter of intent to the International Monetary Fund Friday.

Finance Minister Muezzinoglu signed the letter and sent it to the IMF's board of directors in Washington.

During recent Turkish-IMF talks in Paris Muezzinoglu only initiated the letter. The Turkish press speculated that this was because the government, before signing, wanted to be certain of its ability to weather a political crisis at home.

In Washington, Representative

Paul Findley said Turkey is in such desperate economic straits that it probably could not afford loan repayments even on the favorable terms offered by the military credits sales program.

"What we do here today is going to make big and black headlines in Turkey tomorrow," Findley told his colleagues.

He said the House action might well be interpreted in Turkey as a "gratuitous slap in the face," and declared that the political situation in Turkey is so fragile that the action could cause the government to collapse.

"What price would you be willing to pay to restore democratic government and stability to Turkey?" Findley asked. "In such a situation \$50 million would be a trivial sum indeed."

Other members said they would never approve military grants to Turkey as long as the military occupation of Cyprus continues.

Representative John Brademas and several other members noted that 200,000 Cypriots of Greek extraction still are refugees, that 20,000 Turkish troops remain on Cyprus and that the fifth anniversary is nearing of the invasion of Cyprus by Turkish troops equipped with American-supplied weapons.

Also Thursday, one high school student was killed and four wounded when fighting erupted between security agents and gunmen who had opened pistol fire on a crowd attending the funeral of a slain left-wing student.

Police arrested more than 400 people in the funeral procession after the shooting.

In a suburb of Istanbul, two persons were killed when unidentified assailants raked a coffee-house with automatic weapons fire.

Coffee-houses, traditional meeting places of Turkish youths, have become recently a major target of terrorist attacks across the country.

More than 1,500 people have died in violent acts and rioting since Bulent Ecevit took office as prime minister in January 1978.

A martial law command in eastern Turkey announced security



Adnan Abu Odeh

### Tour to back Palestinians said successful

AMMAN, June 22 (R) — Jordan's Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh said his tour with Fateh Central Committee member Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) to various Arab countries was "a successful one."

The Jordanian-Palestinian delegation visited the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iraq to brief its leaders on measures taken by Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to support the inhabitants of the occupied territories.

Abu Odeh, who returned here Thursday, said the heads of states of countries visited expressed their satisfaction at the progress reported by the delegation.

A Jordanian-Palestinian committee was formed after the Arab summit in Baghdad last November decided to establish a \$150 million fund to support the inhabitants of the occupied areas.

### Iran to seek extradition of two former premiers

TEHRAN, June 22 (Agencies)

The Iranian government is to ask foreign countries to extradite two of the Shah's ex-premiers and the former martial law administrator of Tehran, Foreign Minister Brahim Yazdi said Friday.

Dr. Yazdi was quoted by "Voice of the Islamic Republic" radio as saying that Iranians living abroad had supplied information about the hiding places of former Premier Jafar Sharif-Emami, 69, and Gen. Gholam Reza Azhari, 63.

The government had also been told where Gholam Ali Ovesi, 61, former ground forces chief and Tehran martial law administrator, was sheltering, Yazdi said.

Iran was contacting countries

with which it had an extradition agreement and would be asking them to send these "criminals" back for punishment, Yazdi said in a speech in the southern city of Shiraz.

In a separate development, unidentified gunmen in an automobile opened fire early Friday on revolutionary guardsmen protecting the U.S. Embassy in downtown Tehran, but no one was believed injured. Guardsmen said the attack was carried out at 1:15 a.m. (2045GMT) by six gunmen in a single automobile, who made two shooting runs at guardsmen on the embassy's northern perimeter. Guardsmen fired back, striking the car.

Algeria paper says

### Polisario Front to address U.N.

ALGIERS, June 22 (R) — The Polisario Front has been invited to speak before the United Nations Security Council, now examining Moroccan charges of Algerian aggression against its territory, the Algerian government daily "El Moudjahid" reported Thursday.

"Saharan Polisario Foreign Minister Hakim Ibrahim left Algiers for New York, where he will address the Security Council," the daily wrote in a front-page article, adding:

"This was an undisputable diplomatic victory for the Polisario against Morocco, which tried to have its Polisario's struggle ignored by putting charges against Algeria."

"Although Morocco was once more trying to distort the real nature of the conflict by accusing Algeria, it was unlikely that the Security Council would be declared by the Moroccan trick," the paper said.

"An action by the U.N. Security Council was bound to get to the bottom of the problem, and to find out the real reasons of this conflicting situation created by the illegal occupation of the Western Sahara," it added.

### Holland to expand probe into Pakistan atom plans

THE HAGUE, June 22 (R) — The Dutch government said Thursday it had stepped up investigations into reports that Pakistan had taken a big step toward possible production of the atomic bomb by obtaining the secret process used in the Netherlands of enriching uranium.

The reports were widely published Thursday in Dutch newspapers.

Informed sources said Premier Menahem Begin had written to the Dutch government expressing concern and citing what he called Pakistan's close links with Libya.

Economics Minister Gijsbert van Aardenne, answering questions in Parliament, said the government was expanding its investigation.

Pakistan's ambassador to the Netherlands, Sajjad Hyder was understood to have told Foreign Minister Christoph van der Klaauw Wednesday that his country had no intention of making its own nuclear bomb.

Britain and West Germany, the Netherlands' partners in the enrichment consortium (URENCO), were reportedly dismayed at the possible loss of the secrets about the ultra-centrifuge process.

The investigation, started last

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## Malaysia navy fires to warn off refugees

KUALA LUMPUR, June 22 (R) — Malaysian security forces have apparently fired into the air to scare away a Vietnamese refugee boat trying to land at a beach resort.

Troops guarding the shore at the resort of Uantan on the east coast Thursday were said unofficially to have fired several rounds as warning shots, but did not shoot directly at the boat. It later sailed out into the open sea again.

Officials had earlier denied reports published abroad that there had been shooting in incidents involving refugees.

Malaysia has announced a policy of refusing to allow any more Vietnamese "boat people" to land. About 64,000 refugees are already in camps in Malaysia waiting for resettlement abroad.

Security forces were also understood two weeks ago to have fired similar warning shots to stop a refugee boat from landing in the same area.

Officials of the military task force responsible for denying entry to refugees said marine police stopped two boatloads of about 1,000 refugees before they reached the coast in Trengganu State and turned them around to the sea.

Police patrols were warned of the approach of the boats by air force planes and navy vessels, which have intensified patrols of the South China Sea escape route for Vietnamese refugees.

The two boats were the first

refugee vessels denied entry into Malaysia since last Monday, when the government announced its new policy.

The task force has also sent out to sea some 1,400 boat people who landed on the east coast in previous weeks.

Malaysia meanwhile stepped up its diplomatic efforts for more effective international action.

Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Zakaria Ali told reporters that Malaysia would like to see the international community recognize that Vietnam had primary responsibility and a decisive role to play in resolving the desperate refugee problem.

But Vietnam demurs. Thursday the newspaper "Nhan Dan" accused "Peking reactionaries" and "U.S. and British imperialists" of trying to maintain and even increase an exodus of Vietnamese fleeing illegally.

The paper said they were raising a ballyhoo about the refugee problem and shedding crocodile tears, lamenting the incident as an international tragedy and alleging it was Vietnam's policy.

Vietnam agreed with the UNHCR last month to permit an orderly departure of people wanting to leave.

"Nhan Dan" said Vietnam was ready to attend a conference with countries concerned to discuss that program and ready to hold bilateral meetings with concerned countries in Southeast Asia.

## Carter pledges military will remain in Far East

TOKYO, June 22 (R) — President Carter, speaking in an interview broadcast by Japan Radio has pledged a continued American military presence in the Far East to ensure peace.

He will arrive here on Sunday to start a state visit before attending the Tokyo economic summit later this month.

"The American military presence in the Far East will be sustained and this is good for our people and good for the people of

Japan," he said.

Carter will travel to South Korea after the summit.

He said the United States had no intention of abandoning its commitment to peace and stability in the Korean Peninsula.

"What ultimately we would like to see are the leaders of North and South Korea negotiating directly with one another, either with or without our own presence, and reaching an accommodation with one another," he said.



TOKYO : In traditional costumes, children walk through a large straw ring to pray for their health in a ritual procession to the Hie Shrine in Tokyo.

'Imperious, authoritarian, Fascist'

## Urs bitterly denounces Indira

NEW DELHI, June 22 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was denounced Thursday night by one of her recent staunchest supporters, who called her imperious, authoritarian and fascist.

The attacks came in a letter to Mrs. Gandhi from Devaraj Urs, chief minister of the state of Karnataka, until a few months ago the most secure political base of the woman who ruled India for 11 years until 1977. He released copies to the press.

A dispute between Urs and Mrs. Gandhi started when Urs earlier this year opposed the return to politics of Mrs. Gandhi's son Sanjay.

The letter was sent from Bangalore, the state capital, in response to moves by Mrs. Gandhi to remove Urs from the state leadership of her Congress Party and from the party itself. It signaled a probable new split in the Congress, the third since 1969 arising from Mrs. Gandhi's efforts to enforce unquestioned obedience from her lieutenants.

Urs, 64, accused Mrs. Gandhi of treating him "as if I were still a school boy needing admonition at the hands of the headmistress."

"You have completely forgotten that while dealing with us you are not dealing with your domestic servants. We refuse to be treated as bonded labor and as juniors and subordinates."

There was no immediate reaction from Mrs. Gandhi.

She was a target of stone-throwing demonstrators worked up over local party issues at a meeting Thursday night in Srinagar. No injuries were reported.

In the Srinagar speech she said those criticizing her were afraid to join the fight against the Janata Party.

Urs told Mrs. Gandhi in his letter that, "you believe in a battle against the Janata Party to be fought on the streets. But for me, there is no half-way house between parliamentary democracy and Sanjay."

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and Fascism... if I am held guilty of not taking the courage to fight against the Janata Party on the streets I do not mind... I shall wage all my wars... strictly according to the rules of the game."

The Gandhi high command's recent orders dissolving his elected state party committee and dismissing him as the state party chief arose from Mrs. Gandhi's "personal egotism."

"You have learned nothing from your experience and that the authoritarian bent of your mind still persists."

"As I told you a few months back, it is impossible to hold this country together and rule (if) at the same time you scare away all good, capable and efficient men and women... authoritarian rule and India as a nation can never go together."

Quebec plebiscite slated

OTTAWA, June 22 (R) — A referendum to decide whether Quebec's government should negotiate separation from Canada will be held next spring.

Provincial premier Rene Levesque announced the decision

Thursday in the provincial assembly in Quebec. But he did not name a specific date.

He said a debate on the question to be asked in the referendum should take place early next year.

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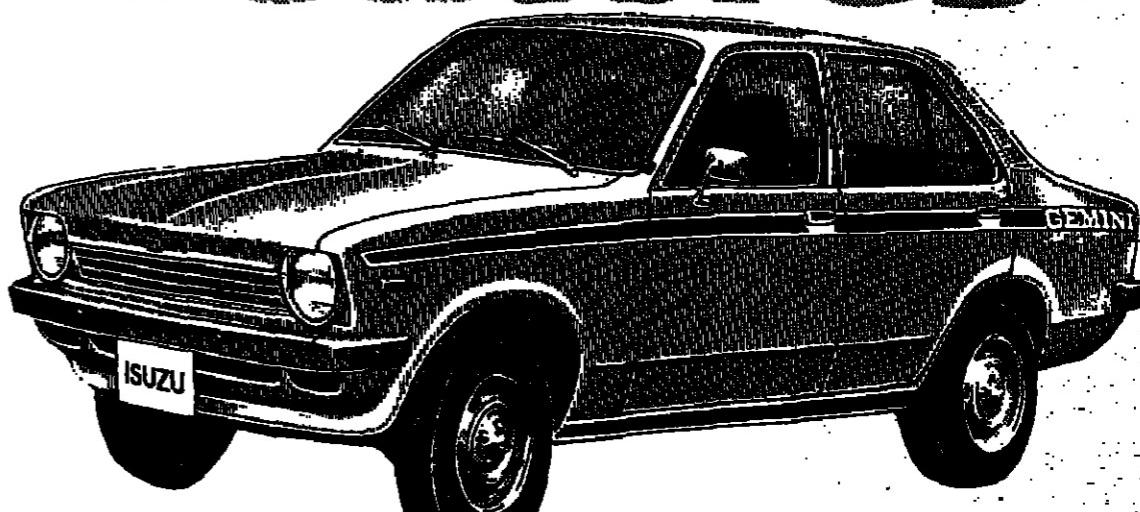
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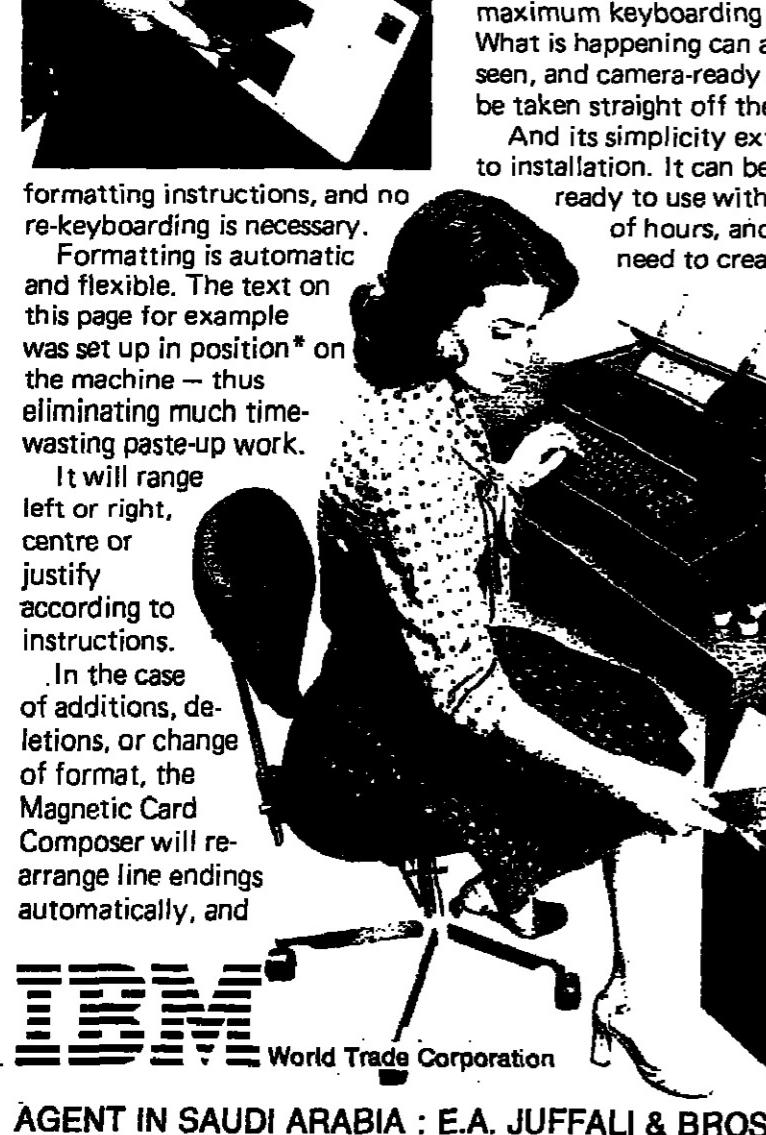
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**Unprecedented move**

## U.S. urges new Nicaragua government

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R) — The United States, in an unprecedented call, has urged the removal of Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza who is struggling for survival against a powerful guerrilla onslaught.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance told the Organization of American States (OAS) Thursday that the Somoza government should be replaced by an interim government of national reconciliation, backed by an international peacekeeping force.

State Department officials said they could not recall a previous instance in which the United States had publicly urged the replacement of a friendly foreign leader — in this case, a man whose family was installed in power by U.S. Marines in 1934.

The initial reaction of Latin American countries was guarded. Mexico and Panama criticised the U.S. proposals but Venezuela and Brazil supported some aspects of them.

Some delegates to the OAS meeting said privately that Washington was making a desperate attempt to contain a situation which might already be

beyond control. Somoza, contacted by telephone shortly afterwards, said he would have no reply to Vance's statement until he speaks to his OAS representative.

"I'm still here," he said when asked if he would resign.

Asked whether there was any possible situation that might make him change his mind, Somoza replied, "I'll tell it to you when I talk to the OAS. I want to talk to the OAS first."

He said he would welcome a visit by an OAS commission, because "I think they are interested in finding a solution to Nicaragua." When asked what safety guarantees he could provide envoys with the capital a battleground, he replied, "There is plenty of safety here."

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Julio Quintana was at the OAS meeting. He sat impassively during Vance's speech to the 27-member organization. Later he said Somoza is "open to dialogue, open to conciliation."

Delegates said that the leftist Sandinista guerrillas had made major gains and could now win on the battlefield.



President Somoza

den between the lines of the U.S. proposal — a contention rejected by a U.S. delegate.

He later surprised the meeting by announcing that Panama had recognised the provisional government announced last weekend by Sandinista guerrillas.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Jose Zambrano offered a resolution calling for removal of the Somoza government and the formation of an interim government representing all democratic elements of the country.

The U.S. resolution did not name General Somoza but called for a "government of national reconciliation" that would take into account all elements of Nicaraguan society.

A fight to the death in the slums of Managua between Sandinista rebels and government forces Friday appeared to have turned again in favor of Somoza.

In the desperate battle in the southeastern slums of the capital, the Somoza forces stormed the rebels' barricades with renewed fury.

After the main stronghold had fallen, residents said many bodies could be seen burning in the streets. But the well-armed guerrillas, thought to number about 300 in the city, may still have the fire-power to turn the tide again.

He also said, without elaborating, that there was mounting evidence of involvement by Cuba and other countries in Nicaragua's internal affairs.

Vance said in his speech to the OAS that the heart of the problem in Nicaragua was a breakdown of trust between government and people. He said a transitional government had to make a clear break with the past.

He also said, without elaborating, that there was mounting evidence of involvement by Cuba and other countries in Nicaragua's internal affairs.

Vance would not predict the chances of the U.S. proposals being adopted, but he said there were a number of similarities between the U.S. policy and a Venezuelan proposal made on behalf of the five Andean Pact countries.

The U.S. draft resolution did not have the support of 18 OAS members, two-thirds of the 27-member body. Informal talks on the subject were due to continue Friday.

Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda said the Nicaraguan crisis was exclusively an internal problem and the OAS had no right to negotiate the way the "so-called government of Somoza" abandoned power.

Panama's Foreign Minister Juan Antonio Tack said he suspected there was something hid-

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**SAFETY :** American citizens in Nicaragua file into the tail ramp of a USAF transport plane which took them to Panama. Heavy fighting continued in the slums of Nicaragua as the U.S. called for the removal of President Somoza at a meeting of the Organization of American States. Somoza has refused to resign.

## Serbian hijacker sent to U.S. after commandeering 2 planes

SHANNON, Ireland, June 22 (R) — A Serbian hijacker was sent back to the United States Friday under police escort in the same airplane he commandeered with dynamite strapped to his body.

Shannon Airport said Nikola Kavaja, 45, who surrendered Thursday after a transatlantic flight as a "human bomb" left early Friday morning bound for McGuire, New Jersey.

He was accompanied by four Irish policemen and his lawyer Deyan Ranko Brashich, who flew with him from New York to Ireland on the final leg of his marathon hijack.

The FBI has filed formal charges of air piracy against him. Irish authorities detained Kavaja overnight at Shannon Police Station as

American Airlines Boeing 707, and ordered it to Shannon, but there he voluntarily gave himself up.

It was not clear why Kavaja, part of a Serbian underground group, had dropped his demand for the release of the priest, Father Stojilko Kajevik, described as the ringleader of the group.

The hijacker had been freed on bail after his conviction, but the priest could not raise the cash bond of \$ 500,000.

No one was injured in the marathon hijacking, but Captain Dick Wernick, 46, who piloted the second plane on its transatlantic flight from John F. Kennedy Airport in New York to Shannon, said later the hijacker had explosives round his body and "we feared for our lives."

## House okays turnover of Canal with amendment

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R) — The House of Representatives Thursday approved controversial legislation to implement treaties giving Panama control of the Panama Canal.

The House Wednesday night rejected efforts to scuttle the legislation by conservatives who accused Panama of promoting insurrection in Nicaragua.

The changes were made in the House's first secret session since 1830 as conservatives attempted to force Panama to pay all the expenses of implementing the treaties.

This would have forced Panama to reject the treaties, a cornerstone of President Carter's Latin American policy, the administration argued.

But the House did add an amendment that would bar U.S. payments to Panama of canal tolls it collected, if the president and Congress determined that Panama was interfering in another country's internal affairs.

Tolls are to be collected by the U.S. until the year 2,000.

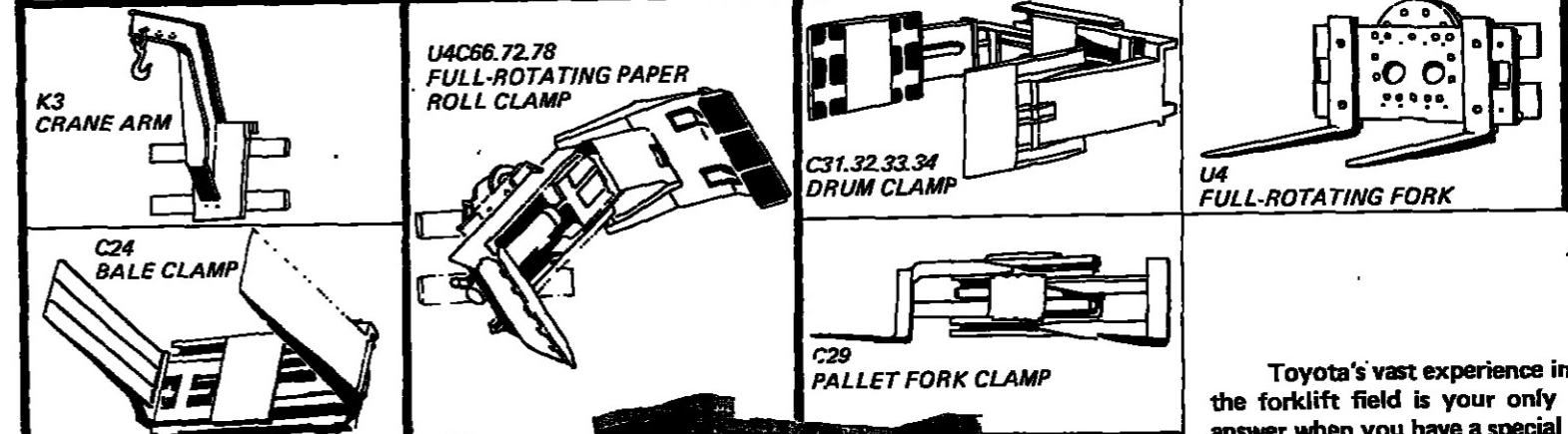
The barrier against payments would remain in effect until the president and Congress determined that such interference had ceased.

The vote on the bill was 224 to 202, and it now goes to the Senate.

The U.S. would also retain discretion over tax payments made for U.S. military and civilian workers and their facilities.

It would withhold authority to transfer property to Panama until it paid all outstanding debts to the U.S., estimated at \$9 million.

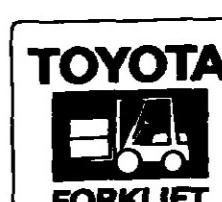
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## INDECISION IN LEBANON

This week's clashes between Syrian and Lebanese troops in Mount Lebanon bring back the sad memories of February 1978 when the two armies clashed at the Fayadiyah garrison near Beirut triggering off a confrontation that has cost thousands of lives. At the time the rightist militias took it upon themselves to "avenge" the honor of their compatriots by forcing a showdown with the Syrian contingent of the Arab Deterrent Force. Despite the enormous losses suffered by both sides, the hostility thrives, and judging by the latest outbreak, sanity appears a long way away.

This sudden deterioration comes as a great disappointment after the successful deployment last week of Lebanese army regulars in one of the most violent areas in the Lebanese capital and the reopening of Beirut-Damascus highway after a long closure. But it now seems that optimism then was premature because there are still parties or groups that have scores to settle.

The irony of the matter is that President Sarkis is the commander in chief of both the Lebanese army and the Syrian force in Lebanon, and in theory he has the authority not only to prevent friction between the two military groups, but to have them work together toward restoring security and stability to the country.

Instead, the two armies are showing will of their own and neither President Sarkis nor his government seem to control it.

The latest outbreak of fighting was started by what the Lebanese say is Syria's construction in Mount Lebanon of an anti-aircraft radar station to monitor Israeli military flights, and what the Syrians insist is an access road that is essential for the security of a Shiite minority in the Christian heartland. The truth of the matter is irrelevant. The Lebanese government is the party to decide, and it is not for the army or the militias to act on behalf of the government. But to prevent this usurping of authority, the government must show greater forcefulness in determining what it wants. By turning its back on the problems, it will not make them disappear.

As might have been expected, the right-wing National Liberal Party of former President Camille Chamoun, has once again taken the role of the "guardian" of Lebanese interests and has appealed to the U.S. and the United Nations to stop what it sees as a Syrian onslaught on the Lebanese army. The party has also made it clear that it would not be too reluctant to step in to uphold the abused "legitimacy", possibly triggering off another round of fighting as the government dives for cover.

Running the affairs of Lebanon must be the absolute and exclusive right of its government. It cannot be left to any party or group to take the initiative and force a decision upon the authorities, but until the government shows will and courage in dealing with potentially explosive situations, the mob will continue to rule.

Commenting on the growing hostility between Algeria and Morocco over the Western Sahara, "Al-Jazirah" said the Arab world "is in no position at this stage to afford another war between two Arab states."

"This is a critical time for the Arabs," the paper said, "as they cannot take another war even for an hour between any two states whatever their geographical position may be."

"The dispute has already gone to the Security Council and we have heard some acrimonious exchanges between Moroccan and Algerian representatives."

"Because of the Egyptian-Israeli treaty, the Arab world is in a state of high tension but it has managed, by standing firm and united, to withstand the onslaught admirably. For this reason we should not allow the tension between the two countries to lead to a hot war and perhaps paralyze Arab solidarity and afford Israel

an opportunity to break through the ranks."

"We must call on all the Arabs — collectively or individually — to contain the dispute and prevent it from getting worse. If this cannot be done the matter should be taken up by the Arab League which is due to meet in Tunis on June 27 at foreign ministers level. The Algerian-Moroccan dispute should be the first topic on the agenda. In preparation for this, Morocco may be persuaded to withdraw its complaint from the Security Council and allow the Security Council will accomplish."

Commenting on Prince Fahd's interview with the "New York Times," "Okaz" said that the statements reflect the Kingdom's concern for the Western consumer "by seeking to stabilize prices in concert with other states although the Prince pointed out that Saudi Arabia was only one of 22 oil producers."

## Autonomy talks : different targets

By Michael Adams

### LONDON —

When the Egyptians and the Israelis resumed their negotiations about Palestinian autonomy last week, the atmosphere was clouded by recent Israeli actions on the West Bank. Bulldozers were at work outside Nablus, where Menachem Begin's government has authorized the construction of the latest Israeli settlement — to be built this time on privately owned land which has been expropriated from its Palestinian owners. This action, which has been widely criticized in the outside world, and which constitutes of course a defiance of the existing decisions by the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations (as well as repeated statements by President Carter), must bring closer the day when the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations break down, as they seem bound to do.

Although the Israeli Supreme Court has ordered a one-month freeze on construction of the new settlement, few people expect the injunction to become permanent.

Those who have opposed the whole Camp David "peace process" will not be sorry to see the collapse of the negotiations, when it comes. They will not mourn for President Sadat, nor will they mind seeing the Americans embarrassed, as they certainly will be, by this failure of a policy with which President Carter has so ostentatiously identified himself and his government. But what benefit will this negative victory bring to the rest of the Arab world?

When he opened the first session of the autonomy talks in Beersheba on May 25, the American Secretary of State, Cyrus Vance, insisted that the process initiated at Camp David was making progress. He pointed to the return of El Arish in the Sinai to Egyptian rule as the "first fruit" of the peace treaty signed in March between the Egyptian and Israeli governments. He said that now it was time to turn to the next major issue of the Arab-Israeli conflict and to negotiate peace between Israel and the Palestinian people, "with security and acceptance for both".

Vance showed himself well aware of the difficulties and there was some implied criticism of the Israelis behind his remark that if one party to the negotiations tried "to pursue its own national objectives in a manner that conflicts with the purposes of these negotiations", then that party's intentions would be open to suspicion. (This was before the Israeli government's decision to authorize the new settlement of Elon Moreh outside Nablus, which was a perfect example of what he meant.)

But, in defending Camp David as a "practical beginning" on the way towards peace in the Middle East, Vance asserted that "no one can deny that no workable alternative has been proposed".

Here, obviously, he was addressing himself to those Arab governments which have refused to join in the Camp David process. It is doubtful whether Vance or President Carter any longer believe that Syria or Jordan or Saudi Arabia are going to change their minds and support a process which they have all denounced as a waste of time.

Begin acts always with great confidence — but his position is in reality far from assured. Over the question of the new Israeli settlement at Nablus, his cabinet only reached its controversial decision after a strong argument. The decision was opposed by the deputy prime minister, Yigael Yadin, who was supported in opposition to it by Ezer Weizman, Minister of Defense, and by Moshe Dayan, the foreign minister. What persuaded the cabinet as a whole to go along with the decision was the violent agitation of the extreme nationalist organization Gush Emunim, the spearhead of the powerful settlers' lobby in Israel. But a government which allows itself to be hustled by one section of public opinion into taking such a momentous decision cannot be considered a strong government; and Begin and his colleagues immediately found themselves assailed from the other side by a weaker, but still influential body of opinion in the shape of the "Peace Now" movement, which mounted a strong protest demonstration at the site of the new settlement — and now by the supreme court.

The "Peace Now" action was a heartening episode and one which deserves to be noted.

More than 1,000 members of the movement, Israeli Jews, with the backing of 21 members of the Knesset (all from the parties of the left and center), blocked the approaches to the site of the settlement all day and prevented the settlers from going ahead with the clearing of the land. And in the newspaper "Ha'aretz", one of Israel's leading political commentators criticized Begin for "carrying on the negotiations with the intention of swallowing the occupied territories," a policy which he said "will leave us isolated in the Middle East and the world".

So quite a number of Israelis opposed the Israeli government's decision, and made their opposition very clear. The Egyptians too, regarding it as inconsistent with the spirit of Camp David, protested strongly and have made it known that such actions by the Israelis raise the possibility that the negotiations will break down.

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The paper added that "while

the Kingdom is trying to help the consumers, Western states are maintaining a policy of profligate waste of energy despite Saudi Arabia's warnings and despite the effect on supply, demand and prices. Instead of controlling consumption, the Western states blame OPEC and overlook the misdeeds of the oil companies which have been selling OPEC's oil on the spot markets at exorbitant prices.

"Prince Fahd's statement comes a few days before the OPEC conference in Geneva so that the world may know the truth about the spiralling prices of oil. "We hope," the paper said, "that the industrial states will realize the gravity of the situation and will do their utmost to reduce consumption. Perhaps the Tokyo summit will be able to take some positive steps especially that France has now successfully reduced its own consumption by

14 per cent."

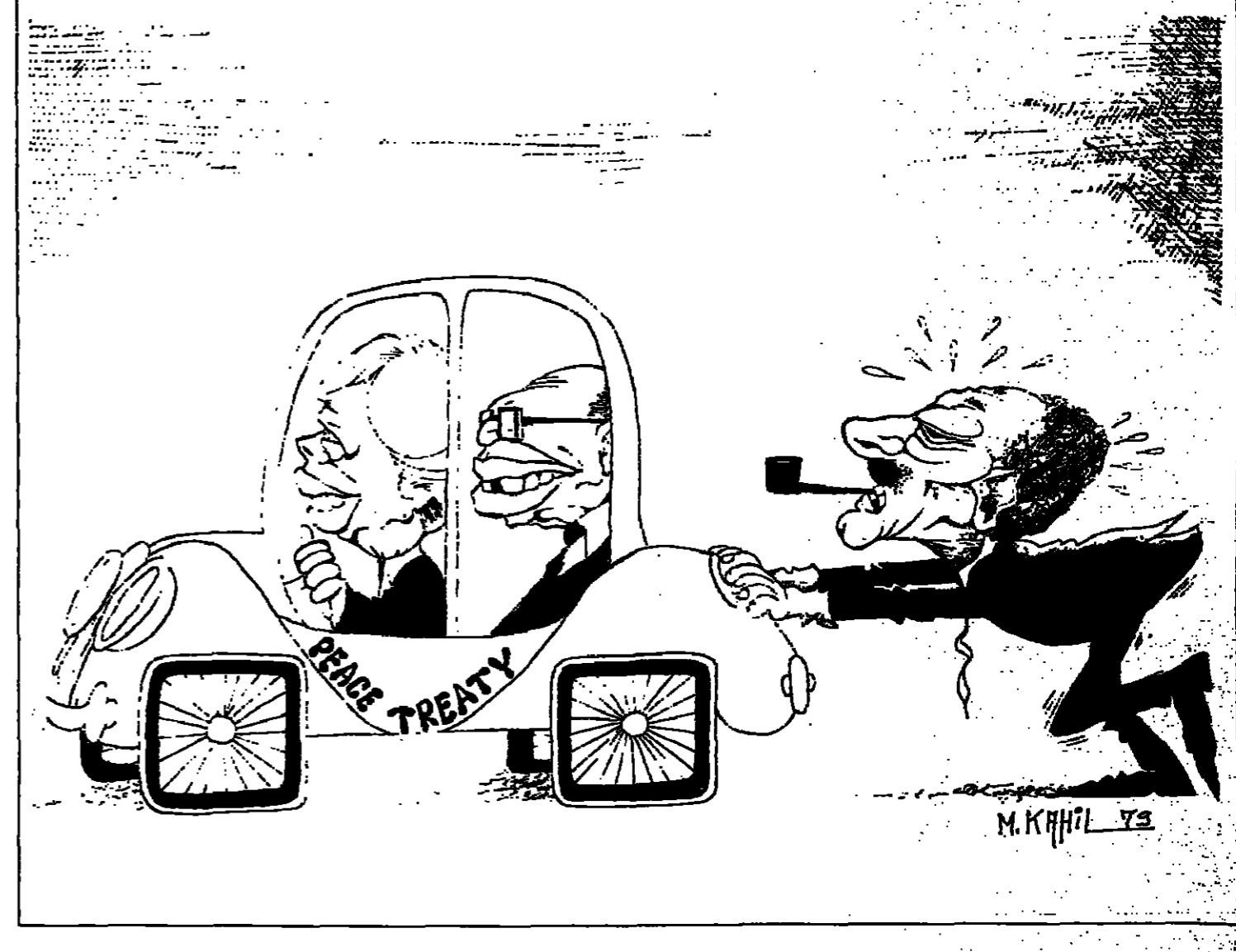
"Al-Jazirah" said that the Arabs "must condemn the declaration of the European Economic Community which condemned Israeli expansionism and annexation of Arab lands."

"While France should be singed out for praise and appreciation, we must thank all the community for the declaration."

"This is a positive and encouraging initiative to see the conflict in the light of justice and international law. It is also a result of well-organized Arab diplomatic activity to explain the true dimensions of the Middle East problem."

"Such a success was made possible by concerted Arab effort that was based on unity of purpose which we hope can still be consolidated and extended so that no more deviation may occur to hurt the Arab cause."

The paper added: "We expect



## Africa and Soviet emotional themes

By Mark Frankland

### LONDON —

Of all the world problems that presidents Carter and Brezhnev discussed in their meeting in Vienna, Africa was probably the toughest.

Western diplomats in Moscow are not inclined to see a Soviet "strategy for Africa." But there is no doubt that the Russians have a rule of thumb for Africa, which is to support what they call national liberation movements. Well-informed Russians in Moscow show little sympathy for Western complaints that Soviet and Cuban behavior in Africa is complicating East-West relations in general.

The self-righteousness inherent in this is, from their point of view, justified not least by their suspicion of the motives behind Western policy in Africa.

The Russians, a Western diplomat suggested, "believe the West is torn between its differing interests in black and white Africa." Certainly, Russians I talked to were sceptical that President Carter's criticism of Rhodesia and South Africa was the real "heart", as one of them put it, of America's African policy. On the contrary, there is suspicion that American talk of a "Soviet-Cuban threat" in Africa is a smokescreen behind which Western interests in Southern Africa may be preserved. "To say that the national liberation struggle in southern Africa threatens detente," one Russian argued, "is simply to stand things on their head. The elimination of racism in southern Africa would, in fact, be the best way of strengthening detente."

Russians are cautious when it comes to saying what they might do next in southern Africa. They do not rule out the possibility that, should the Patriotic Front guerrillas find themselves in a very difficult position, they might ask Moscow for help and Moscow might give it.

But what they most stress is that they will support whatever the Patriotic Front proposes. They do not seem to be sure, though, that the differences between Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe, the

leaders of the Patriotic Front's two wings, have been settled. They are certainly convinced that the Chinese — "who play a very dirty role in Africa" — will try to keep their influence in the Mugabe camp. "The Chinese always try to stay where they are." There is decidedly less Russian self-assurance in some other parts of Africa. Questioned about Soviet policy towards Somalia, whose government used the large amounts of weapons supplied by the Soviet Union to support a Somaliliberation movement in Ethiopia, a Russian said that "it was difficult to foresee that Somalia would use its weapons in this way." "The rule for arms sales, Russians add, is that they should not go beyond sensible levels of defense." Russians also seemed defensive about their relations with Uganda.

Former President Amin's internal policies were "no threat to world peace." "Yes, there were killings in Uganda, but" not comparable to what happened in Cambodia."

One of the most important of what might be called the emotional themes in Soviet policy towards Africa (and indeed the rest of the Third World) is a feeling of resentment that the West is trying to hang on to old positions of power and influence in Africa. "Why should Africa be a reserve for the Western powers?" one Russian asked. "It is simply a hangover from the old days of Western imperialism." Senior Western diplomats in Moscow suspect that the Russians do not fully appreciate how much this attitude can affect American thinking, above all in Congress, about East-West relations in general.

The Soviet position is that "there can be no linkage," meaning that what happens in Africa or anywhere else should not affect, say, U.S.-Soviet negotiations on strategic arms. The Carter administration has wavered on this but tends to believe (with Dr. Kissinger) that there is a linkage.

It is doubtful that the Vienna summit has resolved this crucial difference in the two superpowers' approach. — (OFNS)

## Soviets press ahead with nuclear energy

By Michael Simmons

### LONDON —

The Soviet Union and its East European allies are to press ahead with their commitment to develop nuclear power despite their residual concern at the Harrisburg accident in the U.S. and despite, reports, recently revived in the U.S., of a massive Soviet nuclear accident in the late 1950s.

Public alarm in the U.S. over the Harrisburg accident was said a recent commentary in the Soviet government newspaper "Izvestia", partly the result of "exaggerated" reports in the press and were also part of "the campaign against atomic energy." The lack of consistency in the attitude of the U.S. authorities towards the further development of nuclear energy, it added, stemmed from their "impotence" in the face of the oil monopolies.

Reports meanwhile of accidents and explosions at Soviet atomic power stations are being dismissed by Soviet commentators as endeavors to show up Soviet nuclear engineers in "a false light."

However, the "Izvestia" commentary, appearing under the name of Anatoly Alexandrov, president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences and one of the country's more distinguished physicists, did concede that world reserves — and therefore by implication Soviet reserves as well — were limited. "Combustible hydrocarbons," he wrote, "could be exhausted in 20 years, or in 50 years at the most."

Such an admission goes against the run of more usual Soviet pronouncements on the subject which while not being specific, like to give the impression that Soviet oil and gas reserves will go on for ever. Central Intelligence Agency notions that the country could soon become a net oil importer have been laughed out of court.

Academician Alexandrov now argues that atomic energy and coal could provide energy resources "on a new basis" and that the growth in the use of nuclear power is "inevitable." Soviet atomic reactors, he maintained, were "so safe that they could be installed even in populated areas."

These Soviet views should be seen in the context of an unequivocal commitment on the part of the planners to nuclear power. The country has at present only 15 large operating nuclear power stations, but, if current plans are realized, they expect electricity output from nuclear stations to go up by almost 25 per cent during 1979.

Total nuclear capacity, in the next 10 to 12 years, is expected to reach around 100,000MW, and new stations are being built for public consumption as producing power at a cost almost 20 per cent lower than that incurred using fossil fuels. There was no threat of a fuel shortage in the Soviet Union, said another recent commentator, "in the near future."

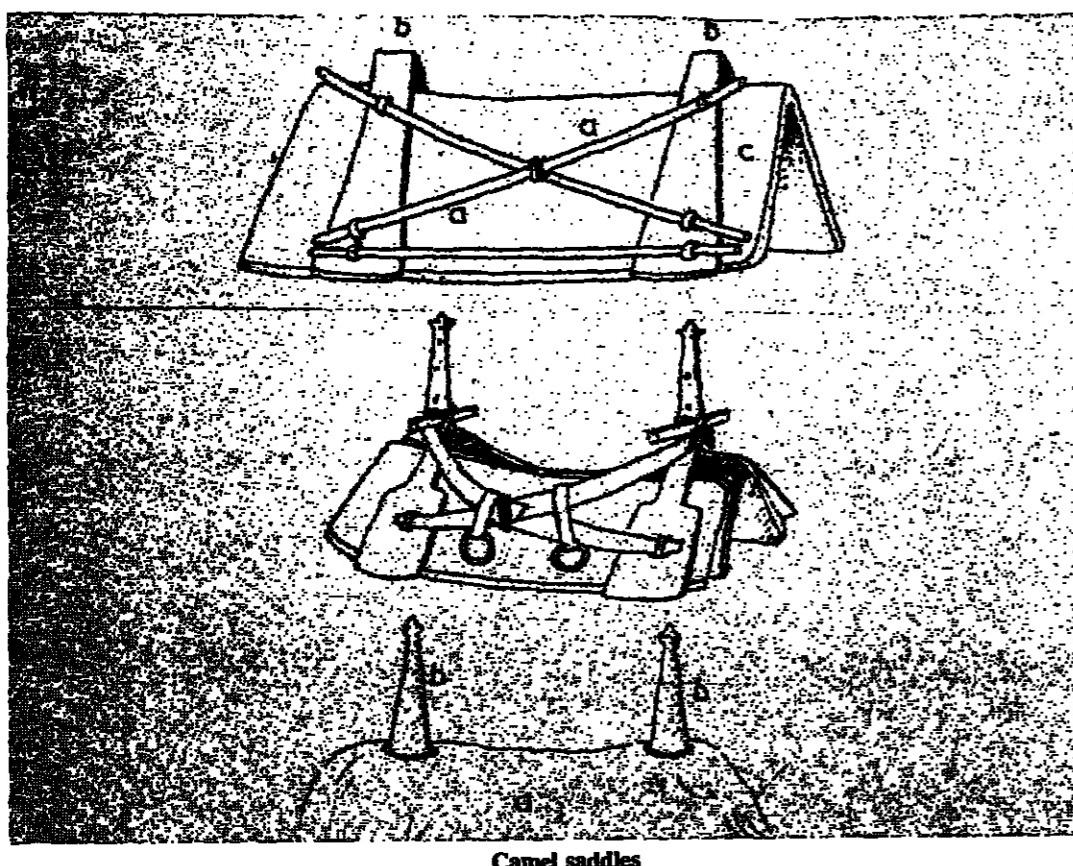
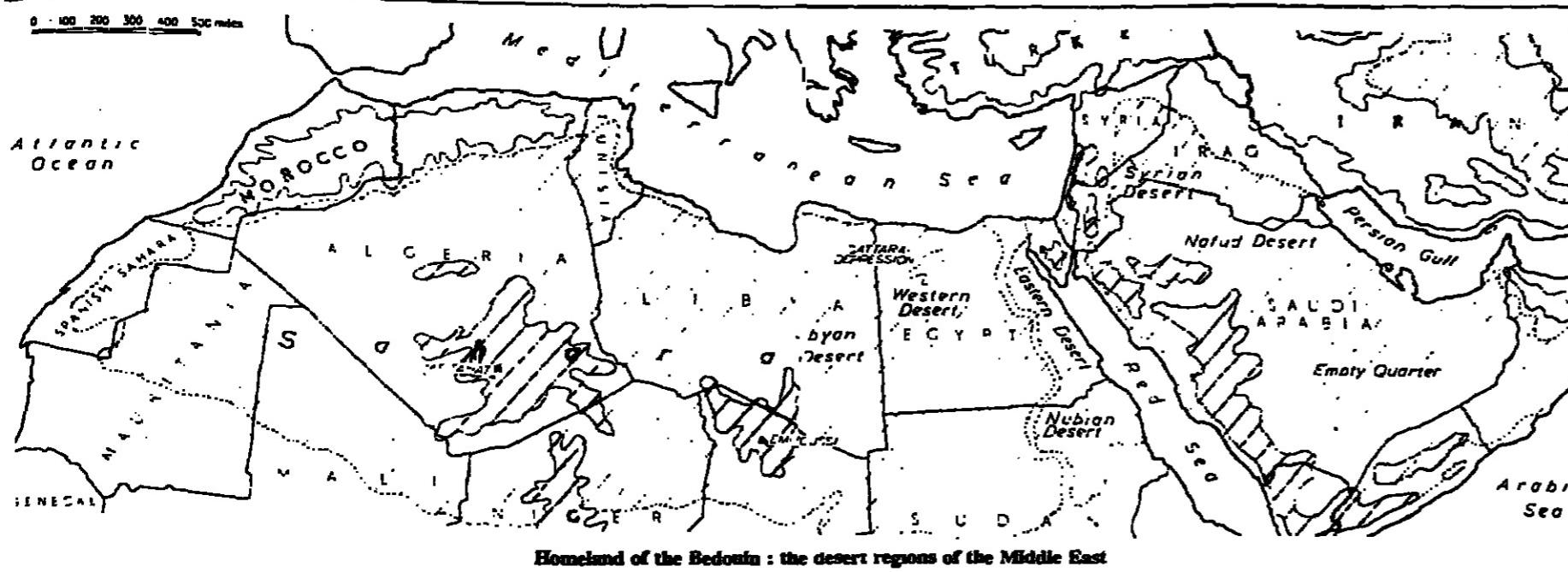
The Moscow aim is that the European part of the USSR should eventually switch completely to nuclear power. By the end of next year it is hoped that 10 per cent of all power in that part of the country will be generated from nuclear sources.

Longer term plans are that by the year 2000, about 20 per cent of the whole country's energy needs will be met by nuclear power.

Elsewhere in Eastern Europe, meanwhile, the propagandists have echoed the Soviet line that the anti-Harrisburg outcry in the U.S. was in fact anti-nuclear. The Czechoslovaks have also claimed that their nuclear safety criteria are "among the most advanced in the world."

But capacity varies greatly. Romania plans that the share of nuclear power in total energy production will be about 20 per cent by 1990. Poland, on the other hand, has almost no nuclear power at present: it plans to bring its first nuclear station into operation in five years' time. — (G)





Camel saddles



A desert Bedouin: still very much alive and well

"The Bedouin," by Shirley Kay. David and Charles, London 1978. 4.95 pounds sterling.

By F. W. Rawling

JEDDAH — "The Bedouin" is published in a series "This Changing World," which studies traditional or primitive societies in remote regions. These — like the Lapps, the peoples of New Guinea and in this case, the Bedouin — are presented in the light of their unique characteristics and also in the way they are adapting to the pressures of change.

Shirley Kay, a frequent contributor to "Arab News," is already well known for her sensitive and informed accounts of travel in the Arabian Peninsula.

In her introduction, which is supported by a useful map of the desert regions of the Middle East, she notes the judgement of some observers that the Bedouin will not survive beyond the next generation. One suspects that this gloomy view, proposed, among others by Thesiger, is based upon a romantic predisposition to see the Bedouin as noble primitives wedded to a way of life in which the essential ingredients are hunger, thirst, discomfort and camels.

A road journey through Syria and Jordan into Saudi Arabia across the desert uplands provides evidence that these colorful and independent folk are very much alive well. They are tending, watering and moving their large flocks of sheep and goats in mass-produced vans and pickups. They remain important producers of meat, a function which will increase in importance.

This is especially true of Saudi Arabia, where national plans for irrigation, agriculture and animal husbandry are fully implemented.

Mrs. Kay opens her work with a general description of life in the black tent, dealing in brief paragraphs with domestic life, education, religion and marriage. She points out that the nomad women have a much more independent view of life and more status in the community than the town-dwelling women of the Arab world.

She deals — with the desert environment and the importance of the camel in the evolution of the purely nomadic way of life. Most desert travellers have reported that this is nasty, brutish and short. Mrs. Kay indicates ways in which semi-nomadic life is being ameliorated, mainly by education and transport.

Next are chapters on the desert economy of the past and the present. In the first, she describes the outcast Sulab tribe and suggests that they may be the "aboriginals" of Arabia. They appear though, from her account, to be more advanced in medicine, "technology" and general desert competence than their more indolent social superiors. The second is essentially a study of the camel, with brief references to sheep and horses. This section includes some fine line drawings (after H.R.P. Dickson) of Bedouin implements and camel furniture. The book as a whole, is well illustrated with drawings and photographs in monochrome.

In a chapter headed Tribal and Social Structure, Mrs. Kay surveys the evolution and organization of some of the major Jezira tribes and describes briefly, the Arab Conquest and dispersal.

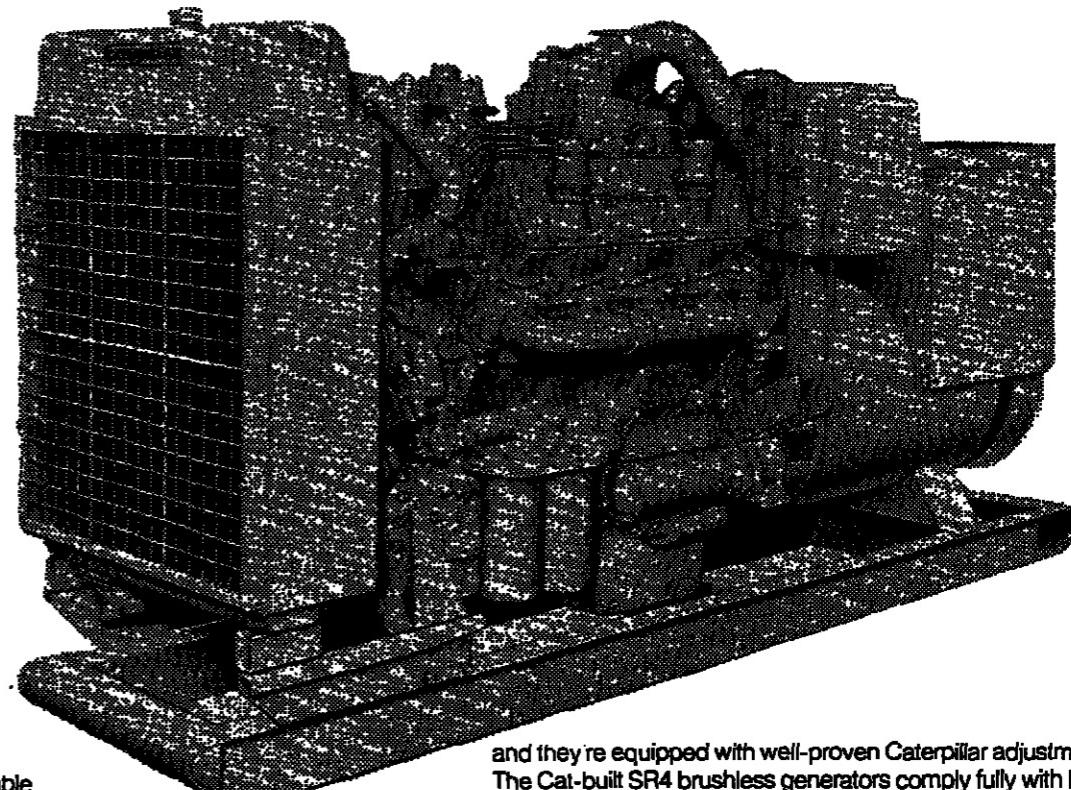
Arts and Crafts is — particularly good, — well illustrated, and an area in which Mrs. Kay is obviously at home. In an interesting treatment of the heroic age, tribal wars and the legendary dash of the Aegypti is described to the point at which the Bedouin had almost destroyed themselves in the madness of feud. The author quotes extensively from the accepted canon of Arabian explorers to illustrate and emphasize her points. Following this is a survey of how the Bedouin lost their power and liberty in the various desert regions of the Middle East.

In another chapter, The Bedouin in the Modern State, Mrs. Kay assesses the place which nomads still play in national life, quoting instances particularly from Arabia, which she knows well.

The problems of settling the Bedouin, are dealt with in the final chapter, and the sadness of abandoned old folk and neglected camps.

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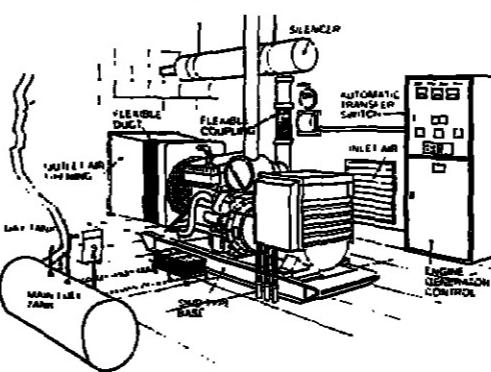
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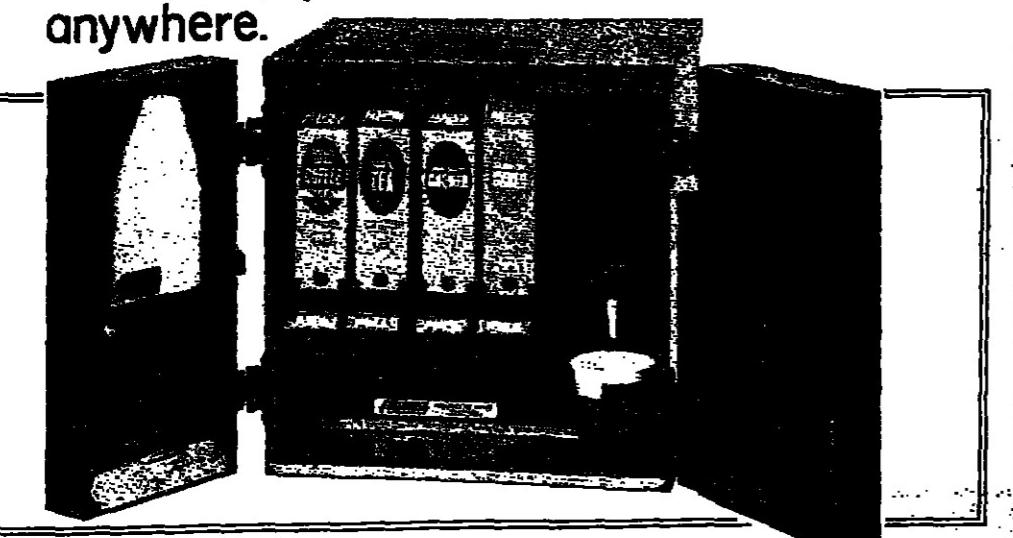
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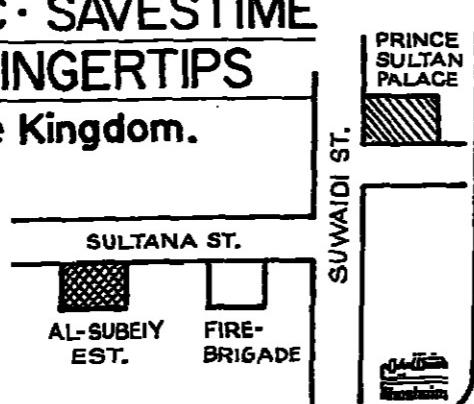
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## The struggle of the Hong Kong child

By David Holley

HONG KONG — As one of the world's bastions of laissez-faire principles, this British colony is famous for fierce business competition and minimal government intervention in economic affairs. And the same philosophy pervades education.

Hong Kong has a hodgepodge of profit-making private schools, semi-autonomous government schools, all of which grew up in a mostly unplanned way to meet the needs of a tremendous population explosion brought on by massive immigration from China in the last three decades.

Schools vary wildly in prestige and quality, and the principle of neighborhood schooling is weak, so the competitive struggle begins early for the Hong Kong child. Even a child of three faces tests to get into the race to acquire a rare and highly valuable university degree.

Prestigious primary schools may have as many as 3,000 candidates for fewer than 100 places in the first grade. Such schools test

four-year-old applicants in English, written Chinese, arithmetic, general knowledge and I.Q.

In the general-knowledge test, a child might be required to know, for example, that the sun is larger than a mountain. In the written test, the child might see the Chinese character for "book" and need to fill in the blanks of the English "B—K."

Respect for education and desire to be well educated are ancient traditions that go back more than 2,000 years in China. Throughout most of Chinese history, the only way to become a government official was to study the Confucian classics for many years and then pass the government civil service examination. Teachers were treated traditionally with great respect by their students.

Those traditions are still alive in Hong Kong. Schools face few discipline problems, and a university degree is seen as a passport to a well-paying job, either with the government or in private business.

"Parents know that once one

child gets to a university, the status of the whole family will rise," said Joyce Bennett, principal of St. Catherine's school for girls.

"You've got this close-knit family, and the child that gets a good job will help the whole family."

Children face hurdles in entering kindergarten, primary school, junior high school, university preparatory courses and the final goal

of the university itself, but each hurdle is easier to cross if the student has been in a good school. A place in school is now guaranteed to every child through junior high, but students from the better, hard-to-enter schools nearly monopolize places at Hong Kong's universities.

Less than 40 per cent of Hong Kong young people continue their studies past the age 15, and only two per cent make it into one of Hong Kong's two universities. Last year, about 20,000 students sat for university entrance examinations, but only one in eight was admitted. Those who fail have the possible option of attending the local technical institute or, if their

(LAT)

parents have enough money, college overseas.

"It's really difficult, and psychologically unsound, for a child of six to study so much," said Jacland Lai, a science teacher at the Diocesan boys' school. "But

weighing the pros and cons, if it were my son, I'd have to push him to study hard. I'd want him to get into one of these (good) schools."

Hong Kong's system involves much rote learning but produces hard-working students, said Arthur Brown, senior assistant director of planning and development in the education department.

(LAT)

Dowager queen of Hollywood's will estimated at \$ 50 million

## How much was Little Gladys worth?

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES — Little Gladys Smith, better known as Mary Pickford, "America's sweetheart" of the silent screen, who died last month in Beverly Hills at 86, left a fortune which is being conservatively estimated here at around \$ 50 million.

An anxious Hollywood — Miss Pickford was generous to filmland charities in her later years — must await publication of her will to learn the precise sum. But there is little doubt that the dowager queen of Hollywood made, and kept, more money than any woman in the history of cinema. "Among men entertainers," declared the doyen of Hollywood clowns Jim Bacon, "I bet only Bob Hope can top her."

On screen, Mary Pickford epitomised female modesty and innocence. Sweetness was all. Off screen, she could be a smart and sometimes ruthless businesswoman. Today's stars are in her debt. The 5 ft tall Mary was the first to do battle with the front office for better pay — and win.

When she started in films in 1909 at \$ 5 a day, actors received no billing. Pickford was simply "the biograph girl," or "the girl with the golden curls." Within ten

years, she had fought her way to star billing, command of her own studio and a million-dollar-a-year salary.

"Mary practically founded Beverly Hills," says her friend Lillian Gish. "She always had an eye for a bargain."

Pickfair, the 25-room mansion which she and Fairbanks built on their marriage in 1920, is now valued at \$ 6 million, although ten of its original 15 acres have been sold. It was one of the first three homes in Beverly Hills, and the couple — Hollywood's first royalty — gave grandiose dinners for the crowned heads of Europe, served off solid gold plate.

After retirement from the screen in 1933, followed by divorce from Fairbanks two years later, Pickford devoted her time to business ventures. She established and bossed a series of film production companies. She took a stab at the religious market, with best-selling books of spiritual uplift. She wrote a popular novel, and later an autobiography.

She set up a cosmetics firm, supplying "the average American woman who wants and should have the best, though her resources are limited," with rouge and powder "based on my own formulas."

Charlie Chaplin, it's said, began calling her "Bank of America's sweetheart." He was never forgiven.

Then another sampler caught her eye: "The Lord helps those who help themselves." Mary helped herself. — (OFNS)

"I would drive to his house personally and drag him to business meetings where millions were at stake," she complained later. "Often he would refuse to come. I paid a dollar a share for my stock," he'd say. "So sell it for that." Silly man.

Chaplin was given his come-uppance in 1951, when — in grave trouble over his supposed communist sympathies — he tried to sell his shares in United Artists for \$ 5 million. Pickford, whose signature was essential to the joint deal, reneged at the last moment. Charlie was forced to dispose of his stock from exile at a minimal price. Mary sold out independently five years later for a very nice profit.

Mary's most memorable film was perhaps "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." In this she stole a slice of blackberry pie but returned it on seeing a wail sampler warning: "Thou shalt not steal!"

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## France gears up for its annual cycle folly

By Rene Vigie

PARIS, June 22 (R) — A near-record 150 riders will line up next Wednesday for the start of this year's Tour de France bicycling classic, the event which dominates French headlines for a month each year.

"The tour" is France's greatest sports event but its enthusiastic following spreads far beyond sporting circles. It stirs the imagination of the masses, draws huge crowds all along its route and creates its champions legends which become the stuff of French folklore.

This year's 66th tour will be one of the shortest since the race was first held in 1903. It has been cut to please the riders who complained last year that the schedule was too grueling and staged an unprecedented strike to underline their point.

At Galence d'Agen, a little town near Toulouse, they refused to contest the sprint finish and walked across the line in protest at having to travel too often at night after an exhausting day's ride to reach the next day's starting point many kilometers away.

"We are not animals," said the protest leader, Bernard Hinault of France, the eventual champion and favorite to win this year.

In 1978, the riders had to pedal some 4,000 kilometers (2,500 miles) in 23 stages. This year's tour, which begins in Fleurance in the southwest, will finish 3,600 kilometers in 25 racing days later in the Champs Elysees.

There will be overnight transfers, but the organizers have reduced to six the number of stages of over 200 kms.

It is still far from a joyride. The second day, the starters pedal over two Pyrenean passes with a



**FAVORITE:** Bernard Hinault gets a hug from Maria de Rossi after his victory in the Critérium du Dauphiné at the end of last month.

190km. stage from Fleurance to Bagneres de Luchon.

The third stage covers three more high passes. The field then swings up across western France, passing through Bordeaux, Angers, Saint Brieuc in Brittany, Deauville and le Havre in Normandy before making a three-day incursion into Belgium.

The riders will then head down eastern France towards the Alps

and Vosges mountains. Within the space of three days in mid-July, they will have to pedal up seven high Alpine passes, including two ascents of the 1,850-meter Alpe d'Huez which should once again be one of the race's highlights.

The survivors will then head back north towards Paris where they should arrive on July 22.

Hinault, who won last year at his first attempt, is expected to do

## Detroit edges San Diego in NASL

SAN DIEGO, June 22 (AP) — Keith Purphy kicked hard over the head of San Diego goalkeeper Alan Mayer Thursday night goal to boost the Detroit Express to a 3-2 North American Soccer League victory.

The win broke a six-game losing streak for the Express and upped its record to 7-10. The socks dropped to 8-10. But San Diego is still 11 points ahead over Calif-

ornia in the NASL's American-West Division.

The game was tied 1-1 at half-time.

But hard Detroit counter-attacks in the second half found Express forwards unguarded in front of the Sockers' net. That led to goals by Trevor Francis, his first in America in 1979 in the 47th minute and Purphy's finale in the 63rd.

City's Watson moves BREMEN, June 22 (R) — England and Manchester City defender Dave Watson will play for West German First Division soccer club Werder Bremen next season. Watson signed the contract in Bremen Thursday. The transfer fee was 800,000 deutschemarks (over 200,000 pounds) and Watson will receive DM a year in 200,000 a two-year contract.

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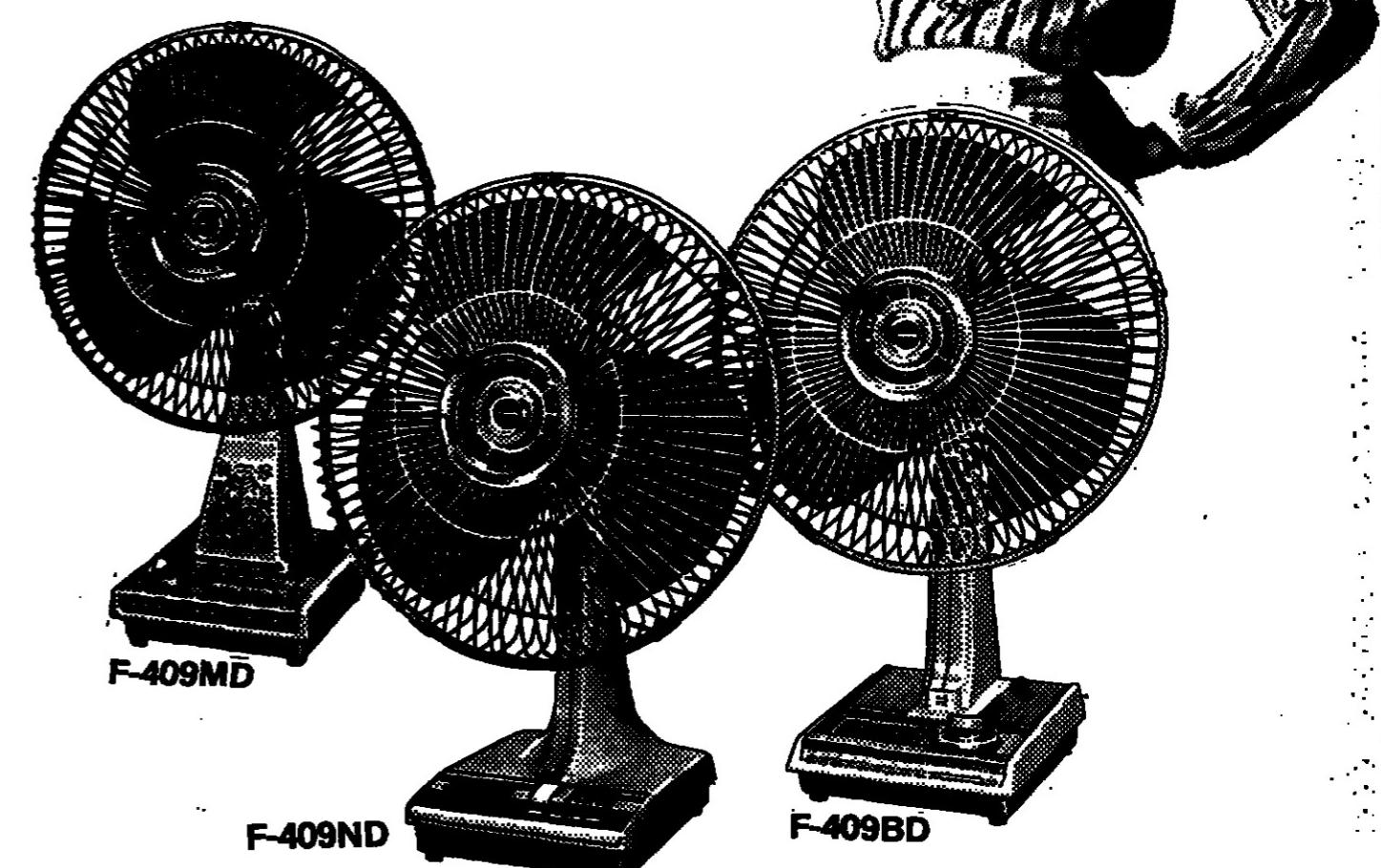
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## Tiant, relief confine Blue Jays to 8 hits as Yanks triumph, 3-1

NEW YORK, June 22 (AP) — Luis Tiant and two relievers scattered eight hits, pitching the New York Yankees to a 3-1 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays Thursday.

The veteran right-hander worked into the eighth inning before surrendering a two-out double by Rico Carty. Jim Kaat came out of the bullpen to retire Joe Mayberry, then Ron Davis pitched the ninth and earned his second save.

The Yankees picked up all the

runs they needed with two in the third against Dave Lemanczyk. Al Woods dopped Jerry Narron's leadoff liner to left for an error, opening the door for an eventual RBI grounder by Fred Stanley and Bobby Brown's run-scoring single.

Elsewhere in the American League, Paul Molitor's bunt single with two out in the seventh inning scored the go-ahead run as the Milwaukee Brewers defeated the Minnesota Twins, 3-2.

Mike Caldwell pitched a give-

## Holmes has 10-kg. pull over rival



FIGHTERS : Larry Holmes, right, and challenger Mike 'Hercules' Weaver don chefs' hats and pose before a mural of Don King, promoter Friday night.

NEW YORK, June 22 (AP) — Larry Holmes weighed 101.25 kilos Thursday for his World Boxing Council heavyweight championship defense Friday night at Madison Square Garden against Mike Weaver, who weighed 90.9 kilos.

Holmes weighed 96.3 for his last title defense, a seventh-round knockout of Ossie Ocasio last March.

Roberto Duran, the former lightweight champion, weighed 65.4 kilos for his 10-round fight against former WBC welterweight

champ Carlos Palomino, who weighed 65.5. The welterweight limit is 66.15 kilos.

In Los Angeles, Frankie Baltazar, the fifth-rated WBC junior lightweight contender, ran his record to 22-1 Thursday night when he stopped Negro Campos in the sixth round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Baltazar, from La Puente, California, controlled the bout all the way, although he never put his foe down. He had Campos reeling when the referee stopped the bout in the sixth round. It was the 16th knockout for Baltazar.

Campos, from Tijuana, Mexico, is now 25-6.

And in Chicago, the title fight between WBA welterweight champion Pipino Cuevas of Mexico and Californian Randy Shields has been postponed for the fourth time, promoter Ernie Terrell said Friday.

Shields has injured an arm in sparing and will not be fit to go into the ring with the titleholder next Monday.

"I punted very, very well and that was the reason for the score. I'm ready to play this week," said



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inifice fly in the eighth inning, lifting the Boston Red Sox to a 3-2

victory over the Detroit Tigers behind the seven-hit pitching of Dennis Eckersley.

Lamar Johnson drove in three runs with a homer and a single and Milt May hit a solo homer to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 9-5 victory over Seattle, snapping the Mariners' four-game winning streak.

Jim Sundberg's RBI single in the 11th inning gave the Texas Rangers and Sparky Lyle a 3-2 decision over the California Angels.

In a national league night game, Steve Yeager and Reggie Smith belted home runs and right-hander Don Sutton snapped his three-game losing streak as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Atlanta Braves, 6-4.

## Aussie, resurgent Watson pace early Canadian Open

OAKVILLE, Canada, June 22 (AP) — Jack Newton of Australia scored two eagles on his way to a course-record, seven-under-par 64 that put him in the first round lead Thursday in the \$50,000 Canadian Open golf tournament.

"I played my socks off," said Newton, 39, winner of 18 tournaments around the world.

While his spectacular effort shattered the record on the 7,050-yard, par-71 Glen Abbey Golf Club course by three shots, his lead was only two strokes over Tom Watson, who beat Newton in an 18-hole playoff for the 1975 British Open title.

Watson, the year's leading money-winner and gunning for a fifth victory of the season, one-potted 11 times on the way to a 66.

"I punted very, very well and that was the reason for the score. I'm ready to play this week," said

## Sri Lanka outslogs Canada in 'little' Cup

WORCESTER, England, June 22 (R) — Sri Lanka beat Canada by 60 runs to win cricket's "little World Cup" here Thursday — but only after the Canadians had put in a tremendous effort to match their rivals' massive 60-over total of 324, the top score of the competition for the International Cricket Conference Trophy.

The result was a day in which the crowd saw 588 runs scored for the fall of 13 wickets — only five of them, by irony, Canadian. Both teams had earlier failed in the full World Cup.

Roy Dias hit 44; Sunil Jayasinghe went on to reach 64 and the later Sri Lanka batsmen all hit lustily. Duleep Mendis with 66 was top scorer but finally provided Chris Chappell, who had caught Warnapura and Dias, with a third victim.

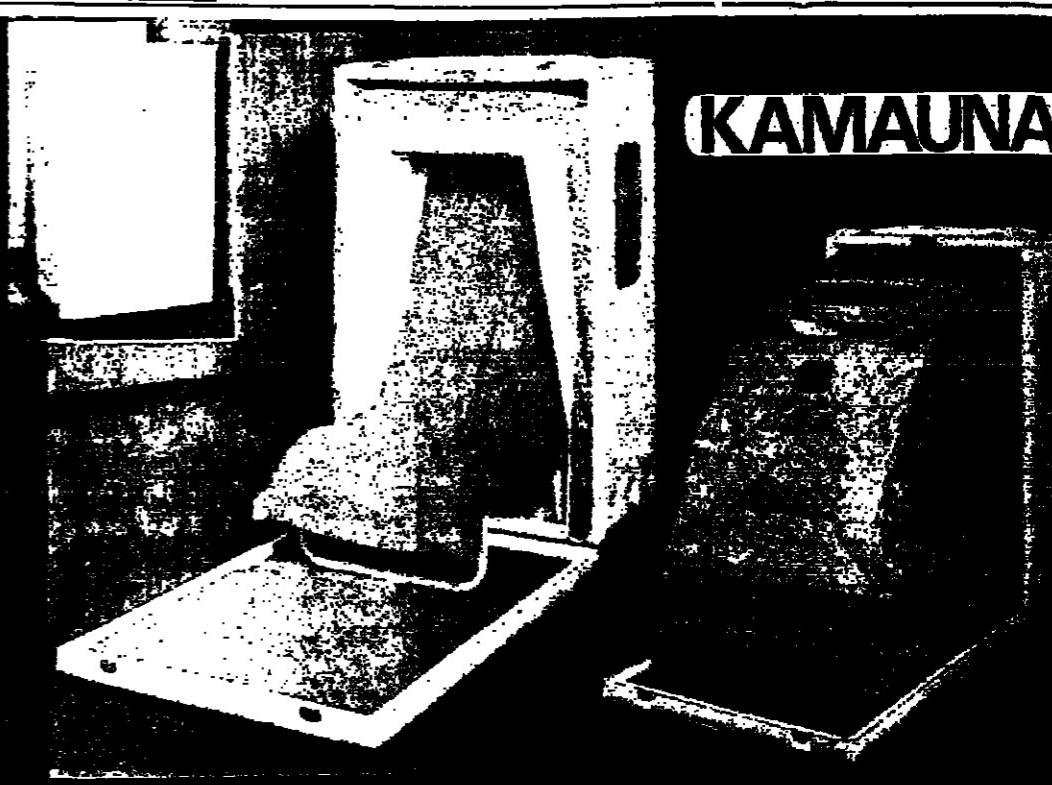
Mendis' whirlwind hitting and the catch which dismissed Cecil Marshall for 55 at the one moment Canada might have seized the initiative, earned him the Man of the Match award.

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## Foreign firms able to operate in China

TOKYO, June 22 (AP) — Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping (Teng Hsiao-ping) has told a high Japanese official that China is prepared to allow 100 per cent foreign-owned businesses to operate in China.

Japan's Kyodo news service said Friday Deng also offered to provide the finest companies with land, all in return for a share of the profits.

Deng explained the new Chinese plan during a Tuesday meeting with Japanese Justice Minister Yoshimi Furui in Peking.

Deng also reportedly told Furui

the Chinese were considering a way to allow foreign businessmen to buy into Chinese enterprises, how much profit could be taken out of the country and what sort of tax incentives to offer for reinvestment of profits in China.

Furui said Deng told him the Chinese would make it especially easy for 100 per cent foreign firms to set up operations if they planned to produce goods and services needed for China's modernization.

Earlier reports said China might approve joint ventures with foreign capital making up only 25 per



Deng Xiaoping

## Violence breaks out in U.S. truck strike

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R) — President Carter has ordered the FBI to help local authorities control violence in a nationwide truckers' strike after officials reported that guns were being used.

Militant drivers had fired on drivers defying the strike, called in protest against rising diesel oil prices and rapidly diminishing supplies.

Wednesday an Alabama driver was killed and others were wounded in shooting between militants and non-strikers.

There was no reports of anyone being hit Thursday but Carter said the Federal and state governments would not tolerate criminal acts.

The presidential order followed reports of sniping in more than a dozen states where striking truckers have used violence against those continuing to drive.

The strike call involved 100,000 independent truckers who haul all of the country's fresh farm produce and much of its steel.

Although ordering FBI help for

local officials, Carter acknowledged that the drivers had legitimate grievances over fuel shortages.

FBI Director William Webster said his agency would act in cases where truckers used for threatened violence to close highways or interrupt commerce between states.

But the FBI would probably be forced to act where truckers blocked highways but did not use violence.

Carter told reporters action to help truckers hard hit by the gas crisis would be announced soon.

"But vandalism and physical intimidation are criminal acts and will be treated as such."

All necessary action would be taken to ensure that drivers who wanted to work were not threatened with violence by those on strike.

Because the independent truckers, who are mainly one-man businesses, have been blocking roads before the strike, Southern farmers complain their crops are



Jimmy Carter

rotting in the fields.

An Agriculture Department official said "we have no answer for them. We can't send them trucks."

The department estimates meat and poultry stocks at five to seven days supply, and enough fresh produce for three to five days.

The head of the Teamsters Union, Frank Fitzsimmons, Thursday called on Carter to bring the independent truck drivers under government control.

"Because of a lack of regulation and union representation, the non-union independent truckers are going broke and are now trying to break the country with them," he said.

Qualifying his cautious optimism about future supplies, Schlesinger said the country would have nowhere near the same amount as last year.

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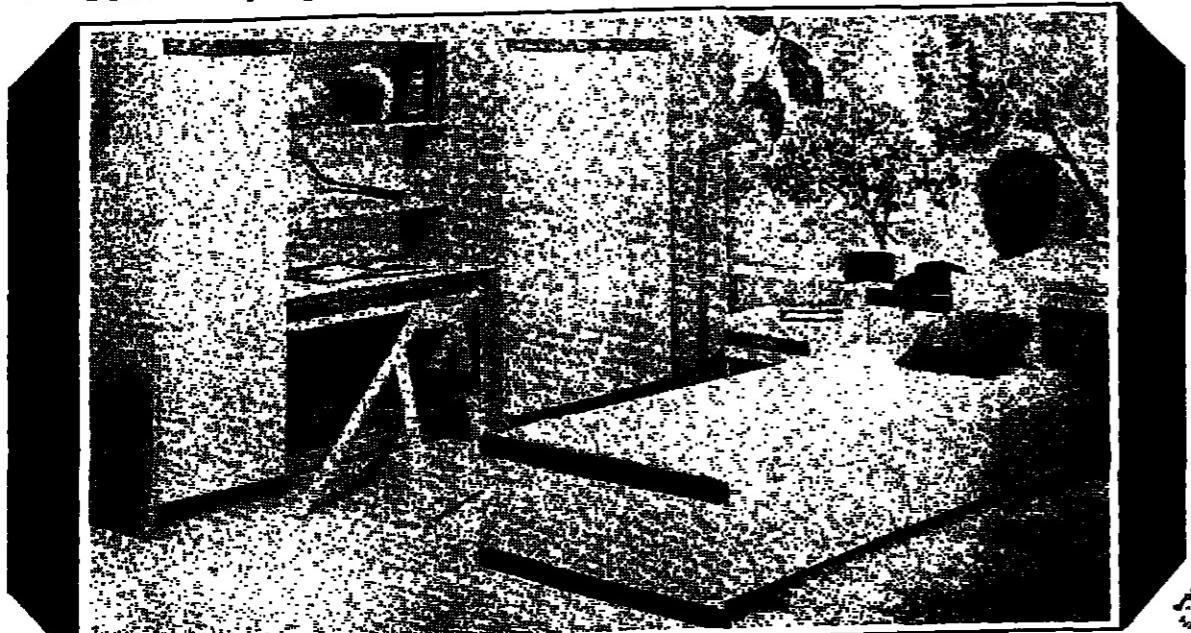
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## Publish 1979 budget

## Chinese to stimulate economy

PEKING, June 22 (R) — China has published details of its national budget for the first time in many years and said that expected surpluses in 1979 would be spent on measures to stimulate the economy.

The Chinese news agency, Xinhua (Beinhua), said Finance Minister Zhang Jinfu (Chang Ching-fu) told the National People's Congress or parliament Thursday that expenditures and revenues for the year were expected to balance at \$67.2 billion.

Revenues would have come to \$85 billion except for the planned spending to spur the economy.

Zhang gave the figures when he presented parliament with the final state accounts for 1978 and this year's draft budget. China's leaders had promised that outstanding budget items would be made public.

Earlier Thursday Vice-Premier Yu Qidi (Yu Chu-il), chairman of the State Planning Commission,

## Schlesinger sees gas crisis easing shortly

WASHINGTON, June 22 (R) — Energy Secretary James Schlesinger said Thursday some relief to the gas shortage in the U.S. may be in sight.

He told a news conference a shortage of crude oil imports had eased and more supplies were reaching American ports.

If this trend continued, there would be an increase in refinery operations and some alleviation of the present difficulties.

Gas stations in the Washington area Thursday imposed a rationing system similar to that in force in California, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Qualifying his cautious optimism about future supplies, Schlesinger said the country would have nowhere near the same amount as last year.

told parliament that China would increase investment in farming and pay peasants at least 20 percent more for their crops in an effort to improve food production.

The government had a surplus of about \$610 million last year, with revenues of \$67.1 billion and expenditures of \$67 billion.

Revenue increased by 28.2 percent and spending by 31.7 percent over 1977.

The budget this year was

expected to balance because of factors such as the rise in purchasing prices of farm and other products, wage increases for some workers, reduced taxes in rural areas and spending to provide jobs.

"If these deductions were not to be made, the total budgeted revenue for 1979 would come to 128.6 billion yuan (\$83 billion,) or 14.7 percent bigger than the 1978 revenue," he said.

Common Market farmers get produce price boost

LUXEMBOURG, June 22 (R) — Common Market farm ministers ended four-day talks early Friday with a price package that should please most community farmers but does little for hard-pressed housewives.

EEC farm commissioners Finn Olav Gundelach told reporters the agreement was also likely to aggravate rather than solve the community's sensitive food surplus problems.

Most notable results were decisions on changes in the

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## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Thursday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.40	3.40	3.40
Pound Sterling	7.24	7.25	7.24
Deutsche Mark (100)	182.00	183.00	181.55
Swiss F (100)	203.00	205.00	201.10
French F (100)	79.00	78.50	78.65
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.05	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	105.50	105.60
Syrian Lira (100)	—	76.75	87.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.70
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.26	12.28
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.15	11.16
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	89.00	88.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	90.75	90.65
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	8.90	8.90
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	75.00	74.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	78.00	87.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.55
Gold kg	—	30,800	—
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Silver kg bar	—	1,000	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.55	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.90	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.66	—	—

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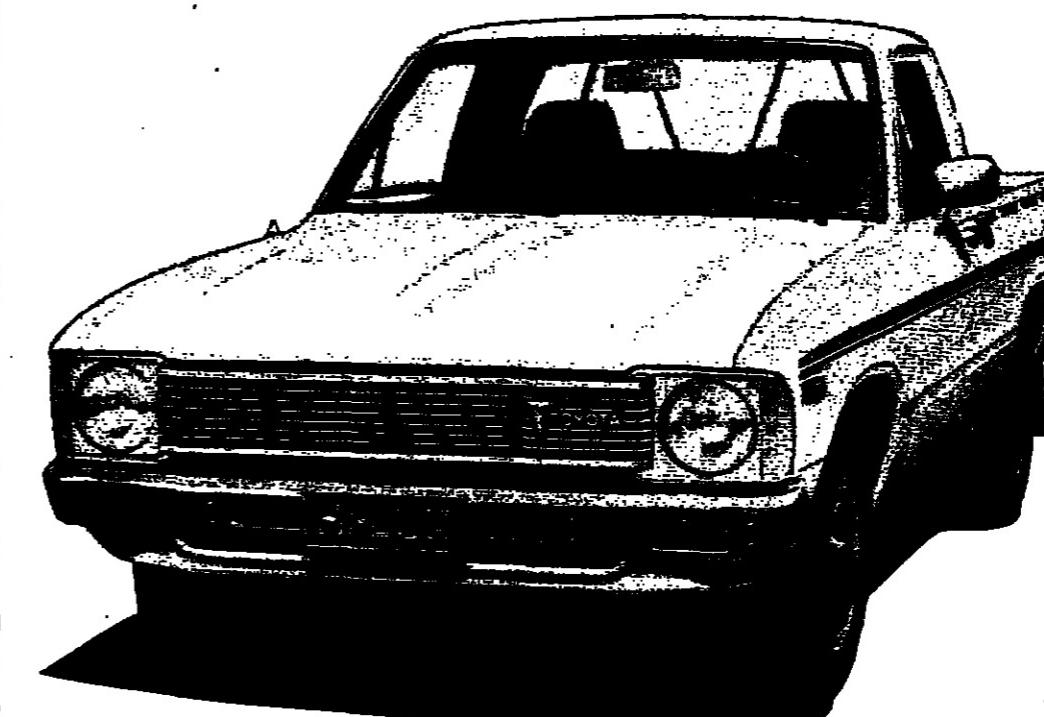
## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Illuminating of Sajjar town	114-97/98	250	Sept. 1
"	Illuminating of Thameriah village under Mezzeb municipality in Qassim	115-97/98	200	Sept. 2
"	Fencing of some graveyards in Dawsadni	26-97/98	800	Sept. 3
"	Fencing of some graveyards under Mindaq municipality	"	250	Sept. 4
"	Constructing of two washhouses for the dead in Shamasiah and Rubaiyah in Qassim	"	150	Sept. 8
"	Fencing of some graveyards in the municipal area of Khamis Meshieh	26-97/98	800	Sept. 10
"	Temporary asphalting of some rural roads under Al-Hayathem municipality	117-97/98	900	Sept. 11

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**Bahrain admits DC-10s**

BAHRAIN, June 22 (R) — Airlines flying DC-10s have been allowed to use Bahrain airport provided they agree to pay full compensation for any loss arising from faults in the aircraft. DC-10 operators must also comply with the rules and recommendations set by the licensing authorities concerned, the Gulf News Agency said Friday, quoting the undersecretary of the ministry of development and industry. The United States Federal Aviation Administration grounded all American DC-10s after last month's crash in Chicago.

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**Gas crisis may hit Alitalia**

ROME, June 22 (R) — Alitalia warned Friday it might have to cut flights within a few days because it was running short of fuel. The Chevron oil company had cut supplies to it by 50 per cent and Esso, Texaco and Mobil by 12, 12.5 and 10 per cent respectively. Alitalia said it lacked enough fuel to provide full services at the peak of the summer holiday season. Industry Minister Franco Nicolazzi meanwhile ordered oil dealers to give priority to farming and shipping and to limit sales to trucks leaving the country.

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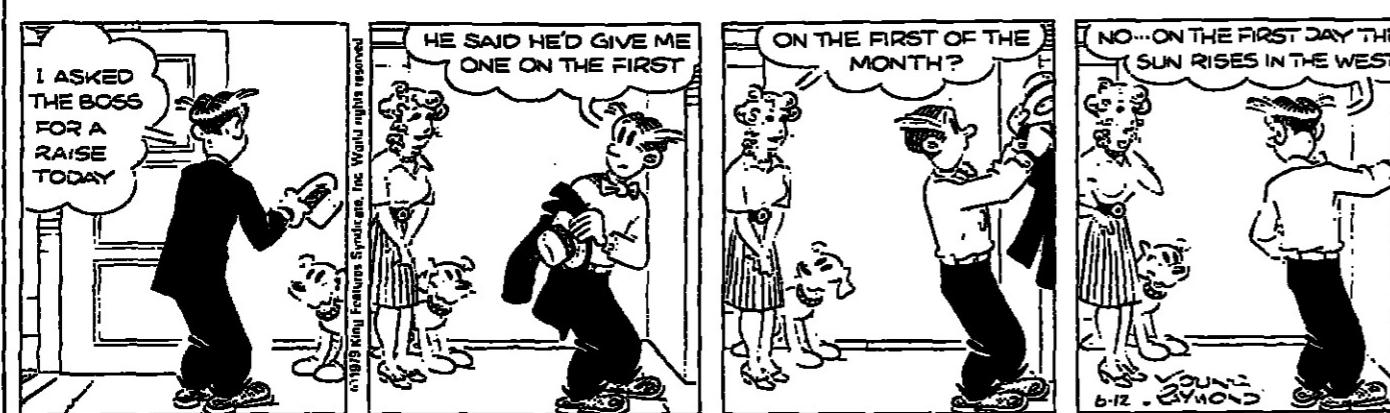
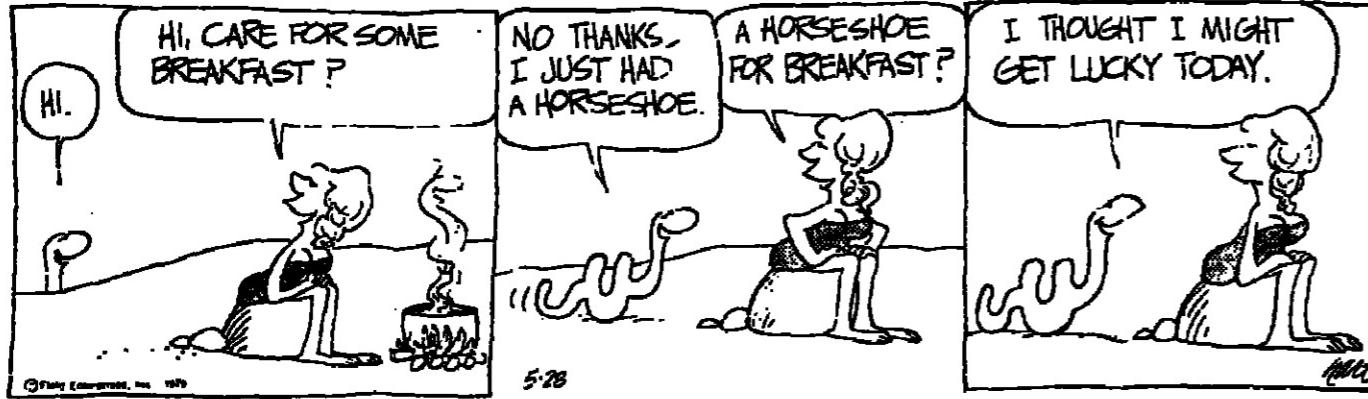
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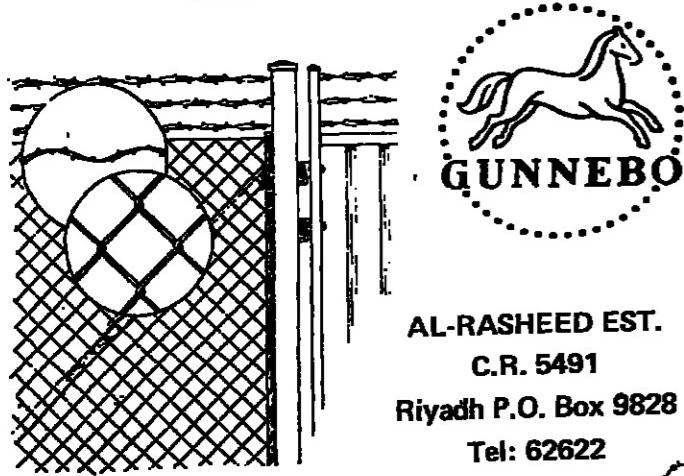
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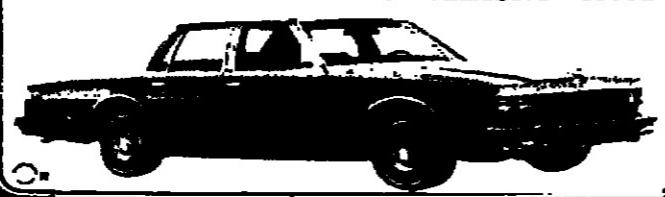
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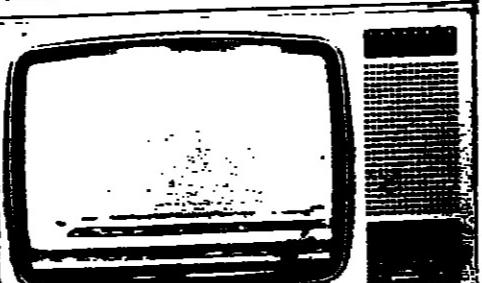
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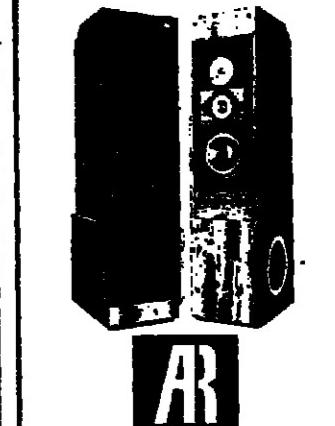
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Conspiracy, incitement to murder Scott

## Court finds Thorpe not guilty on all charges

LONDON, June 22 (R) — Jeremy Thorpe, 50, the former leader of the Liberal Party, was acquitted Friday at the Old Bailey criminal court, after a 31-day trial on charges of conspiracy and incitement to murder Norman Scott.

His three co-defendants were also found not guilty of conspiracy.

The jury returned its verdicts after deliberating for three days.

### 'The case of the century'

## Thorpe wins his 12 most precious votes

LONDON, June 22 (AP) — The tabloids called it "the case of the century" — John Jeremy Thorpe's downfall as Liberal leader, his arrest on murder conspiracy charges and his trial and acquittal at the Old Bailey.

No other British politician in the 20th century has faced criminal charges so grave.

Although Thorpe never held government office and the Liberals whom he led from 1967 to 1976, have not been in power for more than 50 years, there was a time when hopes for a change in British politics centered on him.

The lean, 50-year-old Thorpe sat hollow-eyed and silent through the six-week trial, declining to testify in his own defense.

Thorpe led a Liberal revival in 1974, when his party doubled its vote and increased its seats from six to 15.

He offered a lively political alternative and with the two major parties almost even and short of a majority, was mentioned as a possible coalition prime minister.

"He gave the Liberals a remarkable burst of energy," said William Rees-Mogg, editor of "The Times" and a fellow undergraduate at Oxford. "Before he became leader, the party had virtually no chance of being considered as being in the big time, but he nearly got them into the serious business of power."

His credentials were impeccable. His father was a Conservative member of parliament and his mother a local magistrate. His family has been in Parliament since the 1300s. He was educated at Eton and Oxford, where he was president of the Oxford Union and law Society and chairman of

The jury returned to the oak-paneled courtroom to give its decision on the fate of Thorpe, once voted Britain's most popular politician.

He was expressionless, but glanced once or twice at the jury.

The judge, Sir Joseph Cantley, asked the leader of the jury, a woman: "Have you reached a decision upon which you are all agreed?"

She replied: "we have, my lord."

The judge then went through the names of the defendants one by one, and in each case the reply was: "Not guilty, my lord."

Journalists stamped for the door to telephone the verdict, but the judge intervened and told them to go quietly.

It was only when the defense lawyers were applying to the judge for costs that Thorpe, elegant in grey suit, allowed himself a quiet smile.

The jury had been in retirement for 52 hours before delivering what the defense counsel had described as the "12 most precious votes" in his political career.

The jury had been locked in their room at the Old Bailey for 16 hours' formal deliberations, and spent the rest of the time in a hotel guarded from the outside world.

Thorpe and the three others were accused of conspiring in a bungled attempt to murder Scott,

a former male model who claims he had a friendship with Thorpe in the early 1960s.

Thorpe has always denied the allegation of friendship.

According to the prosecution, his fears that Scott's allegations would ruin his political career obsessed Thorpe and drove him to plot his murder.

The others acquitted of conspiracy charges were David Holmes, a close friend of Thorpe and former deputy treasurer of the Liberal Party, businessman John le Mesurier, and nightclub owner George Deakin.

As he left the dock, Thorpe threw the cushion he had sat on for the past 31 days across the court to his wife Marion. She emerged from the courtroom stooped, tired, and studiously avoiding all contact with journalists.

Thorpe was also acquitted of an additional charge of inciting Holmes to murder Scott.

All four men had pleaded not guilty, but only one of them, Deakin, went into the witness box to give evidence in his own defense.

Defense lawyers concentrated their case on attacking the credibility of prosecution witnesses, and the judge used their words in a two day summing-up during which he called Scott a parasite and a crook.

He also said the evidence against Thorpe was circumstantial.

Tears streaming down their faces, Thorpe's wife Marion and his mother Ursula were reunited with him in a private room.

"I'm so happy," Mrs. Thorpe declared as she pushed her way through pressmen.

The prosecution said the murder attempt on Scott was made in October 1975 when a hired "hit man," former airline pilot Andrew Newton, lured him to a lonely moor.

But instead of shooting Scott, Newton shot his great Dane bitch Rinka. The prosecution alleged that Holmes organized the plot, Deakin hired the gunman, and Le Mesurier was the paymaster.

Thorpe was free on bail throughout the trial until the jury retired to consider their verdict on Wednesday. He had spent the last two nights in custody, awaiting the verdict, in accordance with British law.



(AP photo)

LONDON : Jeremy Thorpe and his wife Marion, led through the crush by Thorpe's lawyer, Sir David Napley, arrive at the Old Bailey. Friday, after three days of deliberations, Thorpe was found not guilty of charges on conspiracy and incitement to murder.

He became a barrister and won the North Devon seat in 1959. He held it for 20 years, losing it in the general election last month under the shadow of the trial.

A music-lover and collector of Chinese ceramics, he gave a spectacular reception after a Covent Garden concert on the occasion of his second marriage in 1973 to Marion Stein, a former concert pianist who had been married to the Earl of Harewood, a cousin of the Queen.

Thorpe was sharply criticized

in 1976 in a government report on the collapse of a London bank of which he was a director. The day the report was issued, an unemployed former male model named Norman Scott complained in a provincial magistrates' court he was being hounded because of "my... relationship with Jeremy Thorpe."

This began the sensational sequence of events, at first rumor and then criminal charges, that brought a member of the Council to the dock at the Old Bailey.

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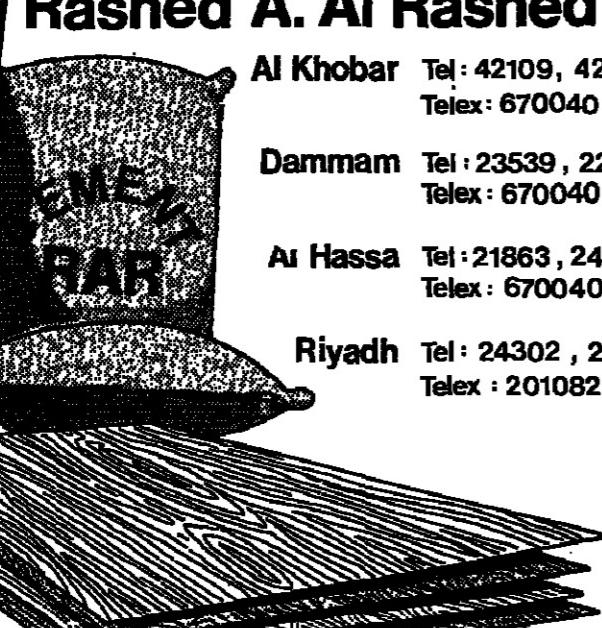
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## Whale quota talks open to scent of coming battle

CAMBRIDGE, June 22 (R) — The annual battle between whalers and conservationists got underway Friday when scientists from the International Whaling Commission (IWC) met here.

The IWC Scientific Commission, made up of 80 experts from the 19 member countries, are spending two weeks arguing over how many whales should be caught next year, setting quotas for each species.

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(AP photo)

## New president seems in control of Uganda

KAMPALA, June 22 (Agencies) — Ugandans new president, Godfrey Binaisa, Friday proclaimed a "government of national unity" and said his predecessor, Professor Yusufu Lule, had flown to Britain.

The radicals appeared to be close to ex-President Milton Obote, who has been in exile in Tanzania. The conservatives were believed to be trying to keep him out.

Binaisa, 60, blamed "divisive elements" for the demonstrations.

Earlier Friday the regime sought to explain why Lule was replaced as president two days ago.

In a statement, the Uganda National Liberation Front (UNLF) said Lule had tried to "swamp" the National Consultative Council by blocking an agreed increase in the number of members and carrying out repeated cabinet reshuffles.

"The National Consultative Council therefore had to act fast. It decided the people of Uganda should be saved from Lule's rule."

The violence came after the swearing in of Binaisa a lawyer, as the country's third president in less than three months. Hospital officials said two people were killed and about 50 wounded when troops fired on tens of thousands of demonstrators protesting in favor of Lule.

At the same time there were signs that the broadly-based government had split between con-

## Mideast envoys condemn Canada

OTTAWA, June 22 (AP) — Arab ambassadors Thursday condemned Canada's Immigration Minister Ron Atkey for saying it "Arabs' bark is worse than the bite." The remark came when Atkey was assessing possible Arab reaction to Ottawa's plan to move its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The ambassadors, in a statement released here, said Atkey's statement dealt a "shattering blow" to Arab-Canadian friend ship.

Atkey declined to comment on the incident.

External Affairs Minister Flora MacDonald refused to back down from the government's commitment to move its embassy to Jerusalem. She emphasized, however, that the move has been put off for a long time.

Atkey, a key adviser on the Conservatives' Jerusalem plan, said in an interview this week that government should be concerned about Arab reaction to the embassy plan. But he was "appalled by the way some people appear to be panic-stricken by what is externally-imposed blackmail."

He said he thinks the Arab bark is worse than their bite — if Arab wanted Canadian products, they would buy them.

The Arab ambassadors said Atkey's comments "infinge profoundly on Arab dignity and honor." They said they were trying to enhance friendly relations between Canada and Arab countries and "reject and condemn these provocative statements" by Atkey.

## 'Times' printers told to look for other jobs

and best known newspaper, stopped publication on Nov. 30 and there has been no breakthrough over objections to plans for using computerized typesetting.

The management is considering the implications of the latest turn in the dispute but said "we remain, as always, willing to negotiate."

NGA members were among the 3,000 employees dismissed when publication was suspended.

The NGA has been paying its members £80 a week.

But several other unions, including the journalists', have reached agreement with the management and have been paid by the company even though the newspapers have not appeared.

"The Times" abandoned plans to publish a special international edition in West Germany in April after demonstrations outside the printing plant.

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